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COMMISSIONERS

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COUNTY OF BELKNAP

together with the

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Sheriff, County Treasurer, Jailer, Chaplain
Clerk of the Court, County Attorney
and Auditors

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COUNTY OFFICERS

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DEPUTY REGISTER OF PROBATE

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REGISTER OF DEEDS

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DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

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SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COUNTY HOME AND JAILER

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MATRON

BESSIE T. ROLLINS	LACONIA

CHAPLAINS

REV. THOMAS J. CATE	LACONIA
REV. JOSEPH E. VACHON	LACONIA

MEDICAL REFEREE

EARL W. GAGE, M.D.	LACONIA

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

1961 - 1962

ALTON	Arthur S. Rollins
BARNSTEAD	Arthur H. McAllister
CENTER HARBOR	Keith L. Matheson
BELMONT	Lyle N. Watson
GILFORD	Marion M. Lord
GILMANTON	William T. Robertson
MEREDITH	Stuart B. Allan Joseph F. Smith
SANBORNTON	Olin A. Joslyn
TILTON	Herbert E. Howe
LACONIA:	
Ward 1	Rene C. Lacaillade Walter D. McCarthy
Ward 2	Paul L. Normandin Walter A. Harkins
Ward 3	Ellis J. Ayre
Ward 4	Oscar C. Prescott Frederick B. Stothart
Ward 5	David O'Shan Lucien R. Dulac
Ward 6	Donald W. MacIsaac Charles K. Jones
NEW HAMPTON	H. Thomas Urie, *Chairman*

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Belknap County Delegation Meeting

Room 305

State House, Concord

January 12, 1961

The meeting was opened immediately following the Republican Delegation Caucus with the following members present:

Arthur S. Rollins, Arthur H. McAllister, Lyle N. Watson, L. Keith Matheson, Marion M. Lord, William T. Robertson, Rene C. Lacaillade, Walter D. McCarthy, Ellis J. Ayre, Oscar C. Prescott, Frederick B. Stothart, David O'Shan, Charles K. Jones, Donald W. MacIsaac, Stuart B. Allen, Joseph F. Smith, H. Thomas Urie, Olin A. Joslyn, Herbert E. Howe, Walter A. Harkins, Paul L. Normandin, and Lucien R. Dulac.

Paul Normandin moved, it was seconded, that Marion M. Lord be elected as temporary chairman to conduct the election of chairman and clerk.

Mrs. Lord thanked Mr. Normandin but withdrew as a candidate; and nominated David O'Shan. It was seconded, with Mr. Normandin concurring, and voted in the affirmative.

William T. Robertson requested the chairman to excuse him, stating that he had another meeting to attend. Mr. O'Shan granted the request and Mr. Robertson left the meeting.

It was moved, seconded and voted that Ellis Ayre be Temporary Clerk.

Chairman O'Shan asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Delegation for the 1961-62 Session of the Legislature.

Paul Normandin nominated Walter Harkins, seconded by Lucien Dulac.

Donald MacIsaac nominated William T. Robertson, reasonably seconded.

There followed a discussion as to the legality of the nomination of Mr. Robertson, Republican, by Mr. Normandin, a Democrat, certain members feeling that only the candidate chosen by the Republican Caucus should be nominated. Mr. Normandin pointed out that until nominations were closed, any member had the privilege of nominating any member of the Delegation, according to law. The members agreed and it was moved by Donald MacIsaac, seconded, and voted that nominations be closed.

Paul Normandin moved, it was seconded, and voted, that the vote be by ballot.

Chairman O'Shan appointed Oscar Prescott, Marion Lord, and Ellis Ayre as ballot clerks.

Ballots cast:	21	
H. Thomas Urie		14
William T. Robertson		4
Walter Harkins		3

Chairman O'Shan asked for nominations for Clerk.

Herbert Howe nominated Ellis Ayre, seconded by Donald MacIsaac.

Paul Normandin moved nominations be closed and that Ellis Ayre be unanimously elected as Clerk, seconded, and so voted.

Chairman O'Shan declared Ellis Ayre elected as Clerk of the Delegation.

There was a discussion of the manner in which the Executive Committee should be elected, and Acting Chairman O'Shan requested Marion Lord to read from the statute, as follows: "(From Chapter 24, RSA, County Conventions —24:2—Officers and Executive Committee. At its first regular meeting the county convention shall choose a chairman and clerk, both of whom shall be representatives, and an executive committee. The chairman and the clerk of the convention shall be members of the executive committee, ex officio.)"

It was moved, seconded, and voted in the affirmative that the Chairman of the Delegation select the Executive Committee, as has been the custom in the past, Mr. Rollins of Alton voting in the negative.

It was moved, seconded, and voted that the delegation adjourn to meet after adjournment of the Legislative Session to consider the question of borrowing money in anticipation of taxes, as requested by the County Commissioners; and vote on the naming of the Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

The Belknap County Delegation met in Section One of the House at 12:35 p.m. on January 12, 1961: Present were: Arthur H. McAllister, Lyle N. Watson, Marion M. Lord, William T. Robertson, Rene C. Lacaillade, Walter A. Harkins, Paul L. Normandin, Ellis J. Ayre, Oscar C. Prescott, Frederick B. Stothart, Lucien R. Dulac, David O'Shan, Charles K. Jones, Donald W. MacIsaac, Joseph F. Smith, H. Thomas Urie, Herbert E. Howe.

Absent were: Arthur S. Rollins, L. Keith Matheson, Walter D. McCarthy, Stuart B. Allen, Olin A. Joslyn.

Paul Normandin moved, it was seconded, and voted in the affirmative that the Executive Committee as presented by Chairman Urie be accepted, and that the clerk cast one ballot for the slate, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

Executive Committee of Belknap County Delegation
as appointed by Chairman Thomas Urie
January 12, 1961

Donald W. MacIsaac, Chairman	Laconia, Ward 6	R
Lyle N. Watson, Vice-Chairman	Belmont	R
Arthur H. McAllister	Barnstead	R
Walter A. Harkins	Laconia, Ward 2	D
David O'Shan	Laconia, Ward 5	R
Olin A. Joslyn	Sanbornton	R
Oscar C. Prescott	Laconia, Ward 4	R
L. Keith Matheson	Center Harbor	R
Rene C. Lacaillade	Laconia, Ward 1	R

Ex Officio

Thomas Urie, Delegation Chairman	New Hampton	R
Ellis J. Ayre, Clerk	Laconia, Ward 3	R

Minutes

Belknap County Republican Caucus

Room 305

State House, Concord

January 12, 1961

The Caucus was opened at 10:00 a.m. by David O'Shan, with the following people present: Arthur S. Rollins, Arthur H. McAllister, Lyle N. Watson, L. Keith Matheson, Marion M. Lord, William T. Robertson, Rene C. Lacaillade, Walter D. McCarthy, Ellis J. Ayre, Oscar C. Prescott, Frederick B. Stothart, David O'Shan, Charles K. Jones, Donald W. MacIsaac, Stuart B. Allan, Joseph F. Smith, H. Thomas Urie, Olin A. Joslyn, Herbert E. Howe.

Mr. O'Shan stated that the purpose of the Caucus was to elect Rep candidates for the office of Chairman and Clerk of the Delegation for the 1961-62 session of the Legislature.

On motion of Donald MacIsaac, seconded. and voted, Mr. O'Shan was elected chairman of the Caucus.

On motion of Walter McCarthy, seconded, and voted, Ellis Ayre was elected clerk of the Caucus.

Chairman O'Shan requested nominations for the office of Chairman of the Delegation.

On motion of Walter McCarthy, seconded by Oscar Prescott, the name of William T. Robertson, of Gilmanton, was placed in nomination.

On motion of Donald W. MacIsaac, seconded by Ellis Ayre, the name of H. Thomas Urie of New Hampton was placed in nomination.

On motion of Donald W. MacIsaac, seconded by Oscar Prescott, and voted in the affirmative, the nominations were closed.

On motion of Arthur Rollins, seconded by Oscar Prescott, and voted in the affirmative, the vote will be by ballot.

Chairman O'Shan named the following as ballot clerks: Oscar Prescott, Ellis Ayre and Marion Lord. At this point Marion Lord made the statement that "Well, now—that's a good feminine group." There followed applause and boos!

Ballots cast:	19	
H. Thomas Urie		11
William T. Robertson		8

Chairman O'Shan declared H. Thomas Urie the Republican choice for the office of Chairman of the Delegation.

Chairman O'Shan asked for nominations for the position of Clerk of the Delegation.

Keith Matheson moved, seconded, and voted that the name of Ellis J. Ayre be placed in nomination.

It was moved by Oscar Prescott, seconded, and voted that nominations be closed.

It was moved by Donald MacIsaac, seconded, and voted that the clerk cast on vote for Ellis Ayre.

Chairman O'Shan declared Ellis Ayre the Republican choice for the office of Clerk of the Delegation.

It was moved by Donald MacIsaac, seconded by Lyle Watson, and voted that the Caucus be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk of Caucus*

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

January 20, 1961

Section I

House of Representatives

Concord

The meeting was called by Chairman Urie for the purpose of naming the Belknap Area Committee, the Court House Committee, the County Home Committee.

Your clerk was instructed by the Chairman to get the committee lists, as previously selected by him, which were in her car in the Concord municipal parking lot, and by the time she had walked over and back, the meeting was over, and everyone (practically) was gone, but this is what took place, according to the Chairman.

Mr. Watson took the roll call, and told us the following members were present: Urie, MacIsaac, Rollins, Robertson, O'Shan, Lacaillade, Prescott, Howe, Smith, Allan, Normandin, Jones, MacAllister, Joslyn, Stothart, McCarthy and Watson.

Mrs. Lord was excused because the Appropriations Committee, of which she is a member, was visiting the State Prison at that time.

The Committees were named as follows:

Belknap Mountain Recreation Area Committee

William T. Robertson, Chairman; Joseph F. Smith, Marion M. Lord, Lyle N. Watson, Oscar C. Prescott, Paul L. Normandin, Arthur S. Rollins, Herbert Howe, H. Thomas Urie, ex officio; Ellis J. Ayre, ex officio.

Belknap County Home Committee

Marion M. Lord, Chairman; Stuart B. Allan, Frederick B. Stothart, Herbert E. Howe, Arthur H. McAllister, Olin A. Joslyn, Walter A. Harkins, Arthur S. Rollins, H. Thomas Urie, ex officio; Ellis J. Ayre, ex officio.

Belknap County Court House Committee

L. Keith Matheson, Chairman; Charles K. Jones, Walter D. McCarthy; Donald W. MacIsaac, David O'Shan, Rene C. Lacaillade, Lucien R. Dulac, H. Thomas Urie, ex officio; Ellis J. Ayre, ex officio.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS J. AYRE, *Clerk*

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

January 26, 1961

Room 305, State House, Concord

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Urie at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Rollins, McAllister, Matheson, Mrs. Lord, Lacaillade, Jones, MacIsaac, Allan, Smith, Urie, Joslyn, and Howe.

Guests at the meeting were County Commissioners Norman Hubbard and John Ruel; and County Attorney Richard Brouillard.

Chairman Urie stated that there was a question as to the legality of the appointment of the Executive Committee and called for a motion. It was moved by Paul Normandin, seconded by Herbert Howe, and voted in the affirmative "that the Executive Committee as appointed by the Chairman be approved by this Convention and that all their acts from January 12, 1961 to the present time be and hereby are approved."

Chairman Urie suggested that members of the Convention keep a copy of the "Digest of Handy Information" on hand, stating that all matters pertaining to the County would be taken care of in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations therein contained.

Chairman Urie asked the Clerk to read the Resolution introduced by Mr. O'Shan at the January 12 Executive Committee meeting, as follows:

"Resolution—County Convention. The Belknap County Commissioners are hereby authorized to employ Attorney James D. O'Neil for a sum not exceeding One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) including expenses, to act in conjunction with the County Attorney to take whatever action is indic-

ated, including suit, to collect monies paid in the suit of Joseph O'Neil et al v. Belknap County in the amount of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Seven Cents ($12,732.37) from American Universal Insurance Company, said amount being the overage between the remaining coverage on an insurance policy carried by Belknap County with the said Company and the amounts recovered by the plaintiffs in the abovesaid action."

The Chairman asked Attorney Brouillard to give a brief description of the background on this matter and to tell the Convention his opinion of the necessity of the Resolution, and account of which follows:

Copy of Notes

1. Tramway accident—7/25/56

Joseph O'Neil, Sr. brought action to recover for his own injuries and those to his minor son and daughter—seeking $250,000 damages in five (5) causes of action.

In August, 1958, plaintiff's attorney offered to settle all cases for $125,000.

In May, 1959, plaintiff's attorney offered to settle for $65,000 (only offer of Insurance Company to this point was $10,000). (Insurance Company then had balance of $37,000 remaining from maximum coverage under policy ($50,000) after settling other claims.)

In February, 1960, plaintiff's attorney offered to settle its action v. Belknap County (but not v. U. S. Steel) for entire balance remaining from the maximum coverage under the policy, i.e. $37,000).

BUT, note, reserving its right to prosecute its action v. U. S. Steel.

Insurance Company rejected this offer and renewed its offer of $10,000. County paid balance of $12,732.37 on 11/28/60. Insurance Company has advised it will not pay overage.

2. Cause of action—County v. American Universal Insurance Co.

Review of file—

Review of law (brief) on basis of examination of available information—agree with O'Neil that Insurer was negligent in not settling within limits of coverage.

Negligence is question of fact for jury to decide—

I do not agree, and do emphasize, that because of question of negligence, County's action v. Insurance Co. is not open and shut—

Possible, that would need Supreme Court decision to determining whether there was negligence. But, my opinion, reasonable chance of success in recovering v. Insurance Co.

3. Question of whether we proceed to attempt to collect from Insurance Co. is a policy question for determination by the County Convention and not by me (RSA 28:17).

4. If it is decided to proceed v. The Insurance Co.—question arises—as to who shall represent County—

a. County Attorney has duty of representing and is available and willing to handle action.

b. Retention of special counsel—to which I am not opposed.

RE—Specific resolution—to employ James D. O'Neil for sum not to exceed $1,000—plus costs—u/reso. fee is not contingent on recovery—fee is NOT unreasonable, but note it provides for payment of fee not to exceed $1,000—in event of any recovery even if settled for $3,000-$4,000 without trial, or even if Appeal to Supreme Court is required.

Recommend that if Delegation favors Resolution it be amended to provide usual percentages. My reason for not opposing retention of special counsel are:

a. Expect action will be time-consuming—pretrial negotiations; trial—Superior Court (2-3 days); possible —appeal to Supreme Court.

b. Other duties of office, e.g.—coming term of Superior Court, prosecutions in municipal courts.

My recommendation: if it is decided to bring action:

(1) To have County Attorney handle; (2) Commissioners authorize special counsel. *If and when County Attorney feels it advisable.

*They have this authority anyway RSA 28:18.

Mr. O'Shan asked that the Commissioners tell us what they thought. Mr. Hubbard said that when the County Attorney assures the Commissioners that there is a good chance, they will go ahead—but that they did not favor the passage of the Resolution.

Mr. O'Shan withdrew the Resolution. Mr. Brouillard stated that as soon as possible after review of the records, he would meet with the Commissioners to decide what action to take.

Further discussion, after which Mr. O'Shan moved, Mr. Normandin seconded, and it was voted in the affirmative "that the County Commissioners consult with the County Attorney with respect to recovering the amount paid to O'Neil, the defendant, and that the County Attorney handle this matter, and that if he is in need of special counsel, or additional funds that the County Attorney and the County Commissioners approach the Delegation for additional monies at that time."

Chairman Urie asked the Chairman of the County Commissioners, Mr. Hubbard, if it might be possible to get the budget before the end of February, the latest legal date. Mr. Hubbard thought that it would be impossible in January, but that it might be possible by the middle of February.

Chairman Urie stated that there was some discussion as to whether the hearing on House Bill #31 should be held at the State House or in the Belknap County Court House in Laconia.

It was moved by Mr. O'Shan, seconded by Mr. MacIsaac, that the hearing be held in Concord. After discussion, the vote taken was as follows, and the hearing will be held in Concord: 7 in favor of Laconia (including chairman and clerk); 10 in favor of Concord.

Chairman Urie stated he felt that each member of the Delegation should receive a copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Delegation and of the Executive Committee prior to the succeeding meeting, and that he would instruct the Clerk to see that this is done.

The matter of the budget statements and financial statements from the County Commissioners, similar to the type the Belknap Area Commission uses, requested during the last session was discussed. Mr. MacIsaac moved, seconded by Mr. Harkins, and voted in the affirmative, that along with the usual prepared form of financial statement and budget, the Delegation have a form, done through a local CPA, prepared in a similar manner as the Belknap Area Budget.

Commissioner Ruel spoke briefly, calling the members' attention to the coming budget request, pointing out that because of the sale of all the County Farm land except approximately 25 acres, 10 of which are tillage, there would be a substantial increase in the cost of running the Farm.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

Approved:

H. Thomas Urie, *Chairman*

Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING—BELKNAP COUNTY BUDGET

by

Belknap County Delegation

February 27, 1961

Belknap County Court House

Laconia, New Hampshire

A meeting of the Belknap County Delegation was held on the above date, for the purpose of a public hearing on the County budget, as presented by the County Commissioners (a copy of which is attached to the original minutes), with the following members present:

Rollins, Watson, Matheson, Mrs. Lord, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Harkins, Mrs. Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, Jones, Allan, Smith, Urie, Joslyn, and Howe.

It was moved by Representative Matheson, seconded, and voted in the affirmative that the Rules of the House of Representatives apply to all meetings.

Discussion of Expenditures followed:

Salaries of

(a) Commissioners: No questions—fixed by law.

(b) Treasurer: No questions—fixed by law.

(c) Auditors: No questions—fixed by law.

(d) Attorney: No questions—fixed by law.

(e)	Medical Referee:	Request based on previous year's expenditure.
(f)	Sheriff:	No questions—fixed by law.
	Sheriff Special:	Explanation made by Robert Tilton that amount is to cover part-time help when the sheriff is out of the office, and the motorcycle weekend at the Belknap Area.
(g)	Autopsies:	No questions—amount based on last year's expenditure.

Expenses of (a) Above Officers: A breakdown of expenses was requested. Commissioner Hubbard stated that the amount was based on last year's expenditures, and these are listed in the County Report, which has not yet come from the printer.

Expenses of (b) Register of Deeds: A copy of the budget request of the Register of Deeds is attached to the original minutes.

It was moved by Representative Watson, seconded, and voted that this report be accepted, and Chairman Urie stated that the report would be turned over to the Executive Committee for further study.

Expenses of (c) Register of Probate: A copy of the budget request of the Register of Probate is attached to the original minutes. It was moved by Representative Howe, seconded, and voted that the report be accepted, and Chairman Urie stated that the report would be turned over to the Executive Committee for further study.

Register Probate—forms: Representative Howe explained that there was a Court order for the $2,500 requested for the previous year, but that he could not explain the present request for $500.

(See below Robert Tilton's explanation of the $500.)

Care and Supplies for Court House: No increase in this item. Representative McCarthy asked if the custodian's salary were a part of this item. Commissioner Hubbard stated that he thought so, although not sure, but would find out.

Later Mr. Hubbard stated that the custodian's salary was included and that it was approximately $3,200. Mr. Harkins noted that in 1959 the custodian's salary was listed as $3,700, and asked if the salary had been cut. Commissioner Hubbard stated that he did not think so.

Superior Court (Copy of the budget requested attached to the original minutes; request explained by Clerk Robert Tilton):

Books and Printing: This items covers books for the library, plus all printing and purchase of forms. There is a decrease in the amount requested of $500, due to the fact that dockets will not be printed this year.

Permanent Records: All the funds were not spent last year because the person who was doing the work resigned. It is expected that this year will completely bring this work up to date, and that hereafter the indices will be done on a yearly basis.

Jury Payrolls: Figure based on last year's expenditures. There is no control over this item.

"State vs. Payrolls": Same as Jury Payrolls.

Referees and Masters: Same as Jury Payrolls.

Counsel fees: Same as Jury Payrolls.

Stenographer, etc.: Same as Jury Payrolls.

Clerk of Superior Court: Increased from $8,800 to $11,000; spent in 1960 $9,932.56. Mr. Tilton explained that the deputy's salary was increased by the Chief Justice of the Superior Court, with the approval of Justices.

Clerk Tilton's budget also made a special request for $500 for 25 new folding chairs for the grand jury; and a desk and chairs for the lawyer's room, stating that the furniture which had been in the lawyer's room did not belong to the County and had been removed. (See item "Clerk of Court, books and machines.")

Sheriff and Deputies: Rrequested for 1960, $10,000; expended $12,264.15; requested for 1961 $12,500. When asked to explain increase, Mr. Tilton said that although this was not in his department, the situation was somewhat similar to his in that it depended upon the activity of a department during a certain year in the matter of investigations, etc.

Public Welfare

County Farm: Chairman Urie noted that request for 1960 was $133,000; that $149,641.27 had been spent; that the request for 1961 was $150,000; and asked for an explanation.

Commissioner Hubbard explained that much of the increase was in the salaries of the personnel at the Farm; that there was an increase in the cost of supplies; that some of the increase was because of a double supervisory cost for approximately six months—one matron having retired, but was paid for the approximate six months as well as paying the new matron. Upon a question as to the amount paid the matron who had retired, Commissioner Hubbard stated that this amount was between $1,600 and $1,800.

Upon a question as to the income from the sale of milk produced at the Farm, Commissioner Hubbard stated that it was between $11,000 and $12,000 for last year.

Upon a question as to the cost to produce a quart, Commissioner Hubbard estimated it at approximately 8 cents a quart.

Upon a question as to how much milk was used daily at the Home, Commissioner Hubbard estimated 100 quarts a day approximately.

Upon a question as to whether the county farm were self-supporting, Commissioner Hubbard stated that he felt it was very nearly so, and had always been because of no labor cost—use of house of correction people for labor.

It was pointed out that the estimated income from the Home was $135,000 and that the expenditure request was for $150,000 by Representative Watson, who then asked if the cost for the coming year (1961) could be expected to be $150,000.00. Commissioner Hubbard stated that it had never cost any more for years.

County hospital: Expenditure request included in County Farm Item.

Jail: Same as County hospital.

Support of poor off farm: Commissioner Hubbard stated that this is all welfare, and that the item could not be safely cut.

Old age assistance: Requested for 1960, $17,500; expended $16,702.92; requested for 1961, $19,000. Commissioner Hubbard stated that since State Welfare is paying more, and since the County must pay 25 per cent, it had been necessary to increase the amount requested.

Board and care of children: Requested for 1960, $23,000; expended $16,711.42; requested for 1961, $18,500. Commissioner Hubbard stated that there was no way to easily anticipate this expenditure and said that two weeks ago five children who would need support for ten to fifteen years had been added to the list.

Soldiers' aid: Request for 1960, $5,000; expended $6,505.31; requested for 1961, $7,000. Commissioner Hubbard stated that increase was due to the fact that there were quite a few veterans out of work.

Office expense: Request for 1960, $7,000; expended $6,832.89; request for 1961, $7,500. Commissioner Hubbard stated that the increase was for raises for two office workers.

Welfare Administration Expense: Request for 1960, $3,000; expended $2,939.89; request for 1961, $3,600. Commissioner Hubbard explained that this amount covers the welfare director's salary and expense.

Interest on Temporary Loans: Commissioner Hubbard explained that this covers interest on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.

Interest on Bonds and Long Term Notes—T-Bar: Commissioner Hubbard explained that this amount is listed as expenditure, but also as income, since the Belknap Area Commission is paying the County, and that this item will run for four more years.

Outlay—Court House (repairs): It was pointed out that the custodian's request to the Commissioners (see attached to original minutes) added to $1,132, but that the final request of the Commissioners was for $1,600. Commissioner Hubbard explained that repairs to the coping and a problem in the cupola made up the difference, and that this was an estimate only.

Refrigeration: Request for 1961 for $700 explained by Commissioner Hubbard that this was needed at the County Home, with one new refrigerator and repairs on others.

County Farm Fire Safety: Commissioner Hubbard explained that of the $1,350 request for 1960, $30 had been spent; that the work on the sprinkler system being connected to the Laconia Fire Department and the replacing of a window by a door on the second floor, both recommended by the State Fire Marshall had not been completed in 1960, but had now been completed—therefore the request for $900 for 1961. When asked by Representative Lord what had been done with the 1960 unexpended amount, Commissioner Hubbard stated that it must be in the balance carried over.

County Hospital (under Outlay): No request for 1961. Commissioner Hubbard stated that the $3,482.99 expended in 1960 was for beds, sheets, kitchen utensils, etc.

Indebtedness

Bonds—T-Bar Note: Same as Interest on Bonds and Long Term Notes—T-Bar, listed on page 3.

All Other Payments

Cooperative Extension Service: Copy of Budget Request attached to original minutes. Mr. Malcolm Harrington and Mr. Horace Ballard explained their request.

Airport Authority: Commissioner Hubbard explained that the request for $2,000 was not a fixed amount, stating that the City of Laconia also contributed and urged approval of the amount for the benefit of County residents and visitors.

Employees' Retirement and Social Security: As fixed by law.

Delegation Expense: Chairman Urie explained that mimeographed copies of the minutes of the delegation, the executive committee, and the Belknap County Home committee would be sent to all members this year.

Surplus Commodities: Commissioner Hubbard explained the increase from $1,000 request for 1960; expended in 1960, $277.34; requested for 1961, $3,000, stating that because of a directive from the Federal Government, counties are now responsible for distribution, rather than towns and municipalities.

Chairman Urie asked if the Budget showed income (interest) on the Capital Reserve Account and if such funds were available for use in the operating budget.

County Attorney Brouillard stated that such interest is not available and reverts to the Capital Reserve Fund itself.

Mrs. Marion Atwood of Sanbornton appeared and spoke as an individual and a taxpayer; a copy of her remarks is attached to the original minutes.

Dr. John Lacaillade, Chairman of the Belknap Area Commission, spoke of the present and future plans for the Area.

Mrs. Alice Dockham, president of the Belknap County Home Auxiliary, spoke for the group, stating that they had requested $1,500 be included in the County Commissioner's budget to cover the salary of a part-time therapist, and inquired if such amount had been included. The Commisioners stated that this amount was included.

There was a discussion, led by Representative Harkins, regarding the place of the hearing on House Bill 31 providing for redistricting Belknap County for voting for County Commissioners. Chairman Urie ruled that unless a member, who had voted with the majority to hold the hearing in Concord, would move to reconsider the vote, no action could be taken. No person who had voted with the majority so moved, and the original vote prevailed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

Approved:

H. THOMAS URIE, *Chairman*

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

March 9, 1961

State Library

Concord, New Hampshire

The meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m., with the following members present: Watson, Mrs. Lord, Harkins, Mrs. Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, Jones, MacIsaac, Allan, Urie, Joslyn.

Chairman Urie stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear Mr. Lester Billings, Director of the State Bureau of Hospital Services discuss the subject of federal funds which might be available for the building of a county home/infirmary.

Mr. Billings did not appear at the meeting.

There was discussion of the County Home Committee and the hearings on the subject of whether or not to build a new county home/infirmary. Chairman Urie asked for the delegation's opinion on whether or not to discontinue these hearings, and hold a general public hearing at the present time. A discussion followed with the resulting opinion to continue the original plan.

Mr. O'Shan spoke, stating that he was generally dissatisfied with the present situation in the delegation regarding meetings, records, and felt that Chairman Urie was "trying to stall" the building of an infirmary/county home. Mr. MacIsaac felt that three previous committees had studied the situation, and that since all three had come to the former delegations with practically the same recommendations, the present committee study might be unnecessary. It was pointed out by Mr. Watson that we were not bound by any previous delegation's ideas on this subject; and that there were new members on the delegation who should be informed before voting to build or not to build.

Chairman Urie pointed out that during the last session, the county commissioners had been requested by the delegation to bring in written recommendations and plans, but that this had never been done. Mr. Watson recalled that Commissioner Smith had recommended that the delegation do nothing until it was certain that federal funds would be available—after the national election.

Chairman Urie promised that "there will be a vote on whether or not we build or do not build" during the present session.

There was discussion of a vote taken at the January 26, 1961 meeting of the delegation regarding financial statements from the County Commissioners. It was moved by Marion Lord, seconded by Mr. Dulac, and voted in the affirmative (with no dissenting vote) that the vote be reaffirmed and that Mr. MacIsaac shall take action necessary to carry out the wishes of the delegation. The original vote is below:

"The matter of the budget statements and financial statements from the County Commissioners, similar to the type the Belknap Area Commission uses, requested during the last session was discussed. Mr. MacIsaac moved, seconded by Mr. Harkins, and voted in the affirmative, that along with the usual prepared form of financial statement and budget, the Delegation have a form, done through a local CPA, prepared in a similar manner as the Belknap Area Budget."

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

Approved:

H. THOMAS URIE, *Chairman*

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

March 16, 1961

Room 306

State House

Concord, New Hampshire

The meeting was called at 9:40 a.m. for the purpose of hearing House Bill number 31, with the following members present: Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Matheson, Mrs. Lord, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Harkins, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, Jones, MacIsaac, Smith, Urie, Joslyn, and Howe.

It was stated that, as the meeting was not properly advertised in the Journal, it will be called and advertised for March 23.

Chairman Urie called attention to a talk he had with Attorney Thomas McIntyre as to Court House business.

Chairman Urie had a talk with Attorney Snierson as to selling balance of County land.

It was moved by Representative O'Shan that the County Commissioners be authorized to build a new home at the present site—consisting of a basement and two story—with full cooperation of the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Representative Robertson. Chairman Urie thought the motion was illegal. Representative O'Shan stated that this was an open meeting, followed with remarks by Representative MacIsaac and Representative Lord as to her Committee action, followed by remarks from Representative Watson of Belmont.

Chairman Urie asked Representative MacIsaac to take the Chair to allow him to explain that, as Chairman, he is not stalling action on the building of a County home; that the Belknap Home Committee of the Delegation is holding hearings. He spoke of the hearings at the Court House with the Licensed Nursing Homes Association of the State of New Hampshire. He also spoke of the hearing with a representative of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Lord asked to be excused, stating that neither is she stalling on the building of a home.

Chairman Urie then took the Chair. Representative MacIsaac then asked about a date for a final report from the Belknap Home Committee. The answer was that the Committee would try to get a final report in by the middle of May. After further heated discussion, Representative Watson moved adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. HARKINS
Acting Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

March 23, 1961

Room 306

State House

Concord, New Hampshire

The meeting was opened at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present: McAllister, Watson, Mrs. Lord, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Harkins, Mrs. Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, Jones, MacIsaac, Allan, Smith, Urie and Howe.

Chairman Urie read a letter addressed to Mr. O'Shan from Attorney Brouillard in answer to Mr. O'Shan's question, "Can the Chairman of the County Convention appoint an Investigating Committee without approval of the members of the County Convention?", a copy of which is attached to the original minutes.

There appeared to be a question in Mr. O'Shan's mind as to whether the committee appointed by Chairman Urie to study the matter of building a county home was legal. Attorney Brouillard's letter states that the Chairman may appoint any committee to perform one function or another providing no such committee shall have any legal authority or effect unless approved by the County Convention.

Chairman Urie pointed out that the Belknap Home Committee of the Delegation appointed by him has no legal effect, unless approved by the County Convention.

The hearing on House Bill 31, a copy of which is attached to the original minutes, was opened. Speaking as proponents of the bill were Walter Harkins, Marion Lord, and Mrs. Marion Atwood who spoke "partly" in favor of the bill. There were no opponents speaking.

Chairman Urie asked for a continued hearing on the county budget on Wednesday, April 19, in Laconia. After discussion, the hearing was set for Friday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Belknap County Court House.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to arrange for an Executive Session on House Bill 31, one week from today, March 30, at the State House, at 10:00 a.m. in a room to be announced later.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

March 30, 1961

New Hampshire Savings Bank Community Room

Concord, New Hampshire

The meeting was opened by Chairman Urie at 10:15 a.m. with the following members present: Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Matheson, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Harkins, Normandin, Mrs. Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, Jones, MacIsaac, Allan, Smith, Urie, Joslyn, and Howe.

Chairman Urie asked that the delegation take up unfinished business of the previous meeting, at which Representative MacIsaac moved, seconded by Representative Howe, and voted affirmatively, that the rules of the delegation be so far suspended as to allow the reading of the motion in question. Chairman Urie then read a motion made by Representative O'Shan, seconded by Representative MacIsaac, as follows: "I move that the county commissioners be authorized to make all arrangements for building a new sixty-bed county infirmary to consist of a basement and not more than two stories above, all arrangements to be made with the cooperation of the executive committee."

Representative O'Shan spoke in favor of his motion. Representative MacIsaac questioned the advisability of spending time and money on a sixty-bed unit when thirty-bed unit might be the decision of the delegation. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Representative Ayre and seconded by Representative Dulac that the motion be laid on the table until May 15. A roll call vote was requested by Representative O'Shan. The vote was eighteen in favor. Two were opposed—Representatives O'Shan and McCarthy.

Chairman Urie asked Representatives Prescott (chairman), Dulac, Stothart and Howe to investigate the matter of the county jail and house of correction situation as far as other counties are concerned, in relation to whether it might be possible to farm out Belknap's prisoners, if a new county home is built on a different site.

It was moved by Representative O'Shan, seconded by Representative MacIsaac, and voted fourteen affirmatives (McAllister, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, O'Shan, Jones, MacIsaac, Allan, Smith, Urie, Howe); seven negatives (Rollins, Watson, Matheson, Harkins, Normandin, Dulac, Joslyn) that House Bill #31, An Act Providing for the Election of County Commissioners for the County Districts of Belknap County, be laid upon the table.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

BELKNAP COUNTY BUDGET

by

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

April 21, 1961

Belknap County Court House

Laconia, New Hampshire

The meeting was opened by Chairman Urie at 7:30 p.m., with the following members present: Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Matheson, Mrs. Lord, Robertson, Lacaillade, Harkins, Normandin, Mrs. Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, Jones, MacIsaac, Allan, Smith, Urie, Joslyn, and Howe.

Chairman Urie spoke of the possibility of sale of the land on which the present county home is located, stating it was his opinion that if the land were sold, LIDC should have first opportunity to purchase it. After discussion, Mr. Haven Flanders, president of LIDC spoke briefly, stating that if the land were to be sold, LIDC would appreciate first refusal; and that LIDC would assist in any way—with studies, etc.—in an effort to establish a fair price.

There was a discussion on whether or not all members of the delegation might wish mimeographed copies of the minutes of the meetings of the sub-committee studying the question of building a new county infirmary/home.

Mr. Louis Wool, representing the Lakes Region Mutual Aid System of Fire Departments, presented a request for $5,000 to be included in the County Budget for the purpose

of installing a central radio communication system on the summit of Belknap Mountain, this sum to be advanced by the County, $2,500 to be reimbursed to the County by Federal funds at the completion of the project. The written request is attached to the original minutes, plus a petition signed by fifteen fireman in the County. The system would be operated by the Laconia Fire Department, as explained by Chief Merle Sargent, who also spoke in favor.

CPA Dana Beane, Jr. presented a seven-page summary of the budget, with explanations of each item, as requested by vote of the delegation on March 9. A copy of the summary is attached to the original minutes.

It was announced that the delegation is invited to lunch at the county home on April 22 at 1:00 p.m.

The hearing was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

April 27, 1961

Room 306

State House

Concord, New Hampshire

The meeting was opened immediately after adjournment with the following members present: Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Matheson, Mrs. Lord, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Normandin, Mrs. Ayre, Stothart, Dulac, Jones, Allan, Smith, Urie, Joslyn, and Howe.

After explanation by Chairman Urie, it was moved by Representative Watson, seconded by Representative Allan, and voted unanimously that the Delegation request Dana Beane, Jr., CPA, to continue on and give the delegation more information concerning the proposed 1961 budget, particularly as the line items concern the $150,000 requested for the county home.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

May 17, 1961

Room 306, State House

Concord, New Hampshire

A meeting of the Delegation was held at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: McAllister, Watson, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Harkins, Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, Jones, MacIsaac, Smith, Urie, Joslyn, and Howe.

It was moved by Mr. Harkins, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that House Bill Number 31 be taken off the table. Two members, Mr. Harkins and Mr. McCarthy voting in favor, fifteen members voting against, the motion was lost.

Chairman Urie read a copy of a letter from County Attorney Brouillard addressed to Commissioner Norman Hubbard relative to the legality of the County Convention's retention of Mr. Dana S. Beane, Jr. to supply certain information from county records, to be considered by it in acting on the budget presented for the next biennium, in which he stated that, in his opinion, the County Convention's action was valid.

Chairman Urie read a letter from County Attorney Brouillard concerning the validity of an appropriation in the county budget for the purpose of assisting the Lakes Region Mutual Aid System in establishing a radio dispatch center. Attorney Brouillard stated that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the county convention present and voting would be required for an appropriation for this purpose.

The letters referred to above are attached to the original minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

May 23, 1961

Belknap County Court House

Laconia, New Hampshire

A meeting of the Delegation for the purpose of hearing the report of CPA Dana S. Beane, Jr., on figures requested regarding the county budget, was held at 7:30 p.m. on the above date, with the following members present: Rollins, Watson, McAllister, Lord, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, Jones, MacIsaac, Allan, Smith, Urie, Joslyn, and Howe.

Chairman Urie read a letter from County Attorney Brouillard stating opinions on the following matters (the letter is attached to the original minutes) the contents of which is summarized below:

I. *Right of County Convention to Hold Public Hearing prior to determining whether or not to authorize erection of new county infirmary.* If the majority of the County Convention favors such a public hearing, there is no reason why a special meeting for such purpose cannot be called by the Chairman of the convention at the request of a majority of the members of the convention.

II. Right of Chairman of County Delegation to call public hearing to determine whether or not to authorize erection of a new county infirmary. As stated above, such hearing may be held at a special meeting of the convention called on request of a majority of its members as provided in RSA 24:7.

III. Is a public hearing required prior to issue of county bonds? RSA, Chapter 33, section 10, as amended in 1957, requires a public hearing. Further, in order to issue county bonds, a two-thirds vote of those present and voting

is required, and a majority of the whole convention shall be present when such action is taken.

IV. Must construction of a new county infirmary be considered as a part of the budget? This question must be considered and either approved or disapproved as would be any other item in the budget, since such budget includes such recommendation. If construction of a new infirmary is not authorized at this time as part of the budget, the convention may nevertheless, approve construction of a new county infirmary at some later date. Care should be taken, however, that additional expenses such as interest payments on the bonded indebtedness and possibly increased cost of operation of such a new facility, be provided for in any budget which is adopted for the period following construction of such a new facility.

Representative Oscar Prescott introduced the matter of a $1,000 raise in the salary of the County Attorney, approval of which must be by Act of the General Court, stating that he had requested entry of such a Bill in the Senate this morning through Senator Edith Gardner, but that Senate President Green had asked a favorable poll of the Delegation before final action would be allowed. After discussion, it was moved by Representative Normandin, seconded, and voted 15 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstaining, that the Delegation recommend Representative Prescott proceed with the entering of a Bill providing for a $1,000 increase in the salary of the County Attorney, with the understanding that the Delegation can amend the Bill, if it so votes, when it is officially before them.

Chairman Urie appointed Representatives Lord, Stothart, and Harkins to study the matter before it comes to the Delegation for an official vote.

Representative Lord, Chairman of the Belknap County Home Study Group, stated that the Committee would be through its work after three more meetings, and asked that the Delegation hold a meeting open to the public concerning the matter. It was moved by Representative Lord, seconded by Representative Watson, and voted 13 in favor, none

opposed, that the Delegation hold a public hearing regarding the advisability of building a new infirmary.

CPA Dana S. Beane, Jr. presented his report on figures requested regarding the County Budget, a copy of which is attached to the original minutes.

Representative MacIsaac, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported on the matter of the boiler at the Court House. After discussion, it was moved by Representative MacIsaac, seconded by Representative Harkins, and voted, that the Convention authorize the Executive Committee to authorize the County Commissioners to have specifications prepared and put out for bid for a new steam boiler; plus a side-arm hot water heater for the County Court House.

Representative MacIsaac introduced the matter of unpaid bills for stenographic services for the Belknap County Home Study Group, stating that such expenditure had been authorized neither by the Executive Committee, nor the Delegation. After discussion, it was moved by Representative Normandin, seconded by Representative Robertson, and voted affirmatively that the bills be paid out of regular budgetary funds.

After discussion of the mailing of minutes of the meetings to each member of the Delegation, it was moved by Representative Lord, seconded, and voted affirmatively that mimeographing and mailing of minutes of Delegation meetings be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

Room 305, State House
Concord, New Hampshire
May 31, 1961

The Executive Committee of the Belknap County Convention met at 9:50 a.m. with the following members present: Chairman MacIsaac, Clerk Harkins, Prescott, McAllister, Lacaillade, O'Shan, Joslyn, and Watson.

Rep. Prescott submitted reports of the Court House sub-committee recommending $1,600 budget item for repairs, plus additional money necessary to replace steam boiler plant. The sub-committee also recommended for consideration by the County Commissioners an increase of $5.00 per week in the wages of the custodian of the Court House. It was also recommended that the $1,500 Sheriff's department special request for secretarial help be deleted from the budget.

The report was accepted by the Executive Committee.

/s/ WALTER A. HARKINS, *Clerk*

/s/ D. W. MacISAAC
Chairman, Executive Committee

Laconia, New Hampshire — June 9, 1961
2:00 p.m.

The Executive Committee of the Belknap County Convention met at the County Court House to confer with the County Commissioners for the quarterly review of the 1961 budget, and to seek information relative to items included therein.

Present were: Chairman MacIsaac, David O'Shan, Walter Harkins and Oscar Prescott of the committee, and Commissioners Hubbard, Smith and Ruel.

In reply to inquiry of the chairman relative to values of surplus commodities and farm products consumed at the county home in 1960 Commissioners Hubbard and Smith replied that inasmuch as the Convention had engaged a Certified Public Accountant the account should furnish these figures.

Relative to the fiscal operation for 1961 to date, Commissioner Hubbard said that because no budget had been as yet adopted by the Convention that the Commissioners could spend as much as they wished without approval of the executive committee or the convention.

Bids from five contractors on specifications for a steam heating boiler for the County Court House were opened at 3:00 p.m. Low bid submitted was that of $3,441.13, but commissioners did not announce award at the time. Commissioners did request by letter to the executive committee that a sum not to exceed $4,500 be included in the final budget figures for 1961.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

/s/ WALTER A. HARKINS, *Clerk*

/s/ D. W. MacISAAC
Chairman, Executive Committee

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

June 13, 1961

Room 306

State House

Concord, New Hampshire

A meeting of the Delegation for the purpose of a public hearing on Senate Bill 139 (not printing) was held on the above date at 10:00 a.m., with the following members present: Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Lord, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Harkins, Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, Jones and Joslyn.

Senate Bill 139 is an Act to raise the salary of the Belknap County Attorney from $2,000 to $3,000 per year. Speaking in favor of the Bill were Representatives Prescott, Watson, Harkins, Lord, and Ayre. Senator Gardner, sponsor of the Bill, spoke in favor. Representative Stothart spoke of being careful about raising the salary by fifty per cent, but said he was not opposed. Representative McAllister was not opposed but wondered if such an increase would not put Belknap County out in front of certain other counties.

Letters from William F. Desmond, Justice, Municipal Court of Tilton; John H. Ramsey, Justice, Municipal Court, Meredith; Theo S. Jewett, Justice, Laconia Municipal Court; all in favor of the increase, were read by Chairman Urie (letters attached to original minutes). Immediately following the hearing, the Delegation went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

Minutes — Executive Session

June 13, 1961

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

Room 306, State House

Concord

It was moved by Representative Harkins, seconded, and voted unanimously that Senate Bill 139 be reported into the House as Ought to Pass.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

Room 305, State House

Concord, N. H.

June 15, 1961

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Belknap County Convention called to order by Chairman Donald W. MacIsaac at 10:05 a.m. for discussion of the 1961 budget to be presented to the Convention June 19, 1961.

Present besides the Chairman were: Walter A. Harkins, Clerk; Lyle Watson, Arthur McAllister, Rene Lacaillade, Olin Joslyn, David O'Shan, Oscar Prescott and Keith Matheson.

In his opening remarks the Chairman spoke of the poor reception the committee received while meeting with the Commissioners on June 9th and that very little help was received from them.

A letter was received from the commissioners requesting addition to the 1961 budget of an amount not to exceed $4,500 for replacement of the Court House heating plant. After consideration and discussion it was voted to recommend a sum not to exceed $4,000 for the installation.

No action was taken on recommendation of Rep. Harkins that interest should be added to the budget and paid to the Capital Improvement Fund on money borrowed from that fund to pay judgement against the County by Superior Court in 1960.

In consideration of the 1961 budget, the committee added $4,000 for heating plant at Court House, $800.00 for Delegation expense, and deleted $1,500 Sheriff's department "special item".

It was further unanimously voted that the committee recommend to the Convention a total budget for 1961 of $317,414.75, with $160,920.89 to be raised by taxation.

Anticipation revenue was increased by $10,000 after consideration of report by Dana S. Beane, C.P.A. which indicated that County Infirmary and Home revenue will exceed $133,000.00. Budget submitted by Commissioners lists this item as $120,000.

The Chairman was instructed to confer with the County bookkeeper relative to an item of $9,000 borrowed by the Commissioners for 1960 operations which had not been paid by the end of the year, but for which no apparent provision has been made in the 1961 budget submitted by the Commissioners.

On motion of Rep. O'Shan, seconded by Rep. McAllister, and voted unanimously, it was agreed that the clerk of the Executive Committee shall be paid the sum of ten ($10.00) dollars for clerical duties at all meetings of the Executive Committee held at the Belknap County Court House.

It was also voted upon motion of Rep. O'Shan to recommend Convention action to curtail excessive cost of operations of the County Home, and that improved accounting procedures be adopted for that institution.

Meeting adjourned at 1115 a.m.

/s/ WALTER A. HARKINS, *Clerk*

/s/ D. W. MacISAAC

Chairman, Executive Committee

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

Belknap County Court House

Laconia, New Hampshire

June 16, 1961

A special meeting of the Belknap County Delegation was held on the above date for the purpose of public hearing regarding the advisability of building a new county infirmary, with the following members present: Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Lord, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, Jones, Allan, Smith, Urie, and Joslyn.

Mayor Oliva Huot spoke first, asking that the Delegation consider the City of Laconia in this matter and possible sale of the land and relocation of the Home, stating that the recent sale of other County property has been of tremendous advantage to the City.

Mrs. Audrey Graham spoke of an article she had read regarding the possibility of sending prisoners to another institution, stating that she understood that Chairman Urie was the author of the statements. Chairman Urie explained that Rep. Prescott was chairman of a sub-committee studying such a possibility, but that there was no report at this time.

Mrs. George (Frances) Follett spoke as a property owner and taxpayer and as a person with a member of her family a patient at the Home for two and a half years, stating that she felt the present Home is a fire trap. Mrs. Follett urged immediate action by the Delegation in the building of a "decent" place for these senior citizens to live. Mrs. Follett felt the present building should not be used, and that the present location is "healthful and a delightful spot for such a home, even though the percentage of patients who can get outside is small"; and that a new building should be erected on the present site.

Mr. Enos Brown, president of the New Hampshire Association of Licensed Nursing Homes, and speaking for its members, stated that the group was not against the building of an infirmary, but wondered whether there were a necessity for building a unit as expensive as proposed, if

Federal funds are used ($10,000 per bed); that good care and service could be given for less money; that a county home-infirmary should not be connected with a jail or house of corrections; that it should be near the center of a community. The group objected to local, county, state or federal government being "in competition with private homes" in taking care of senior citizens; and Mr. Brown stated that private nursing homes can give as good care and service for the same, or less, money; that county homes are not self-supporting, but are subsidized by tax moneys and surplus commodities. Mr. Brown stated that there are 150 licensed homes in New Hampshire, of which 72-73 are members of the Organization.

Dr. Bernard Robinson, member of the Laconia Hospital staff, urged the building of better facilities, but near the Hospital in order to use its facilities. He felt it would be a mistake to erect a new building any other place. Dr. Robinson read excerpts from minutes of Staff meeting of December 20, 1960; and from Trustees' meeting of March 27, 1961, copies of which are attached to these minutes. In relation to "pleasant" surroundings as mentioned by Mrs. Follet, Dr. Robinson stated that for anyone confined within the present County Home, there was no view from the windows; and that many of the people lived in "shacks and small apartments" in the summer, returning each winter to live at the County Home; and he felt that the present location was not as important to the senior citizens as many people seemed to think. Dr. Robinson felt that prisoners should not be taking care of the patients. He felt that present hospital charges (minimum $16 per day) and also ambulance costs of moving patients from the County Home to the Hospital would balance out the cost of "expense of better service" which would be rendered the patients if building were placed near the hospital.

Dr. Jessup said that his statements were his personal opinions; that there should be an "infirmary"; and there should be a home which should be a boarding-home type of place, which need not be near a doctor's office or hospital, but should include facilities for adequate recreation since many of the senior citizens were extremely keen mentally. He felt that two separate facilities need not add to present costs.

Mrs. Paul Baker asked if the County is to continue to take private as well as welfare patients, to which Chairman Hubbard replied that no decision had been made by the Commissioners, different from the present policy.

Dr. Harry Trapp concurred with the recommendations of Drs. Robinson and Jessup that an infirmary should be erected near the Laconia Hospital.

Upon a question as to whether or not LIDC would be interested in the purchase of the remaining acres now owned by the County, Mr. Haven Flanders assured the Delegation that if any part of the land were available, he felt the LIDC would be interested.

Mr. Jason Sloan, City Planning Director, stating that his particular interest in the land was relative to the orderly development of the City, urged the Delegation to consider the possibility of a comparable location, pointing out that in a short time the present location may be surrounded by industrial developments.

Commissioner John Ruel urged immediate action be taken to put up a new building, stating that the present building is a fire trap.

Commissioner Hubbard, stating that the Commissioners are responsible for taking care of the people at the Home, felt the matter had already had more than enough study and urged the Delegation to accept the recommendations of the Commissioners as presented with the 1961 County Budget request for a 60-bed hospital to be built on the present site, and said that whether or not a fire trap, it is a dangerous place to keep old people.

Chairman Urie felt that if the Commissioners would establish an "admissions policy," the delegation could proceed much more quickly.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

Approved:
H. THOMAS URIE
Chairman of the Delegation

Excerpts from Minutes of Laconia Hospital Staff Meetings as presented to the Belknap County Delegation

June 16, 1961

Excerpts from minutes of Staff Meeting, December 20, 1960:

"It was VOTED that any future construction of a County Infirmary should be adjacent to the hospital and that County funds should be used for this construction."

Excerpts from minutes of Trustees' Meeting, March 27, 1961:

"The President reported that the County Commissioners had asked to discuss the availability of land adjacent to the hospital for a County Infirmary and that they had discussed this matter with the Finance Committee. The land under consideration was that immediately north of the hospital. The feeling of the Commissioners was that all county facilities should, if possible, be kept together. The President suggested that the hospital should remain available for further discussions with the Commissioners as the Commissioners might wish, with the hospital to bear in mind its own possible needs for additional space in the future. Mr. Veazey said that the Commissioners had felt that they ought to have six (6) acres, and he pointed out that this is more than the hospital has available at present. The recommendations of the Finance Committee was that the President write the Commissioners to the effect that if they desire to build next to the hospital we are ready to discuss it further with them. Dr. Baker reported that the Medical Staff had voted unanimously that a County Infirmary would be best served if it were located near the hospital, that the resulting greater availability of the Medical Staff to the Infirmary would cut down the need for admission of infirmary patients into the hospital and that infirmary patients would be more able to use the hospital's ancillary services without, at the same time, being required to occupy a hospital bed. However, Dr. Baker pointed out that the staff had not intended to reach a conclusion on all issues regarding the county facilities."

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

Belknap County Court House

Laconia, New Hampshire

Executive Session

June 19, 1961

An executive session of the Delegation for the purpose of voting on the County Budget for the year 1961 was held on the above date, with the following members present: Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, MacIsaac, Smith, Urie and Joslyn.

Chairman Urie turned the meeting over to Rep. MacIsaac, Chairman of the Executive Committee, for their reports and recommendations. Rep. MacIsaac read the minutes of Executive Committee meetings held on May 31, June 9, and June 15, 1961, copies of which are attached.

After discussion, it was moved by Rep. Normandin and seconded, that the "Sheriff's Special" item of $1,500, deleted by the Executive Committee, be put back in the budget. The vote was two in favor, twelve opposed, and the motion was lost.

After discussion, it was moved by Rep. Watson, and seconded, that $5,000 requested by the Lakes Region Mutual Aid System for the installation of a central radio communication system on the summit of Belknap Mountain, be approved; and further that anticipated revenue be increased by $2,500, this sum representing 50 per cent Federal reimbursement. Attorney Brouillard ruled that since the Town of Barnstead was excluded, as it is affiliated with the Suncook Valley Mutual Aid, a two-thirds vote would be required.

Eleven voting in favor; and four (McAllister, Lacaillade, McCarthy and Harkins) opposed, the motion was carried.

As recommended by the Executive Committee, the expenditure of $4,000 for a heating plant at the Court House, and $800 additional for Delegation expense, were approved.

As recommended by the Executive Committee, anticipated revenue was increased by $10,000.

It was moved by Rep. MacIsaac, seconded by Rep. McCarthy, and voted unanimously that the 1961 budget be approved, with total expenditures of $322,414.75; and $163,420.89 to be raised by taxation, $10,087.71 more than for 1960.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

Approved:

H. THOMAS URIE, *Chairman*

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

July 31, 1961

Belknap County Court House

Laconia, New Hampshire

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by the Chairman, Representative H. Thomas Urie, with the following members present: Representatives H. Thomas Urie, Stuart Allan, Paul Normandin, Herbert Howe, Walter McCarthy, Joseph Smith, David O'Shan, William Robertson, Arthur McAllister, Rene Lacaillade, Oscar Prescott, Walter Harkins, Charles Jones, Olin Joslyn, Frederick Stothart, Donald MacIsaac, Marion Lord, Lucien Dulac, Lyle Watson, and Arthur Rollins. Representative Stuart Allan acted as clerk of the delegation in the absence of the regular clerk, Ellis Ayre.

Chairman Urie explained that the purpose of the meeting was to hear the report of the County Home Sub-Committee and to take action on this report regarding the building of a new County Home or Infirmary and a Jail and House of Correction. The clerk was requested to read the notice of this meeting. The Chairman explained the procedure to be followed under the rules of the House.

He then stated that the Delegation would take up any unfinished business at which time Representative O'Shan moved that action be taken on a motion made by him at the meeting of March 30, 1961, and seconded by Representative MacIsaac as follows: "I move that the county commissioners be authorized to make all arrangements for building a new 60-bed county infirmary to consist of a basement and not more than 2 stories above, all arrangements to be made with the cooperation of the executive committee." It was voted at that meeting that the motion be laid on the table. The clerk was requested to read O'Shan's motion for the benefit of all members present. The motion by Representative O'Shan to take from the table his previous motion was seconded by Representative Robertson.

Discussion was had as to whether action should be taken on this motion until after the report and recommendation of the Belknap County Home Sub-Committee had been heard. Representative Smith said, "Probably I am as much interested as anyone here, and I do not think it fair to proceed until we hear the report or recommendations of the sub-committee. They have had 12 or 14 meetings. We should hear it before we go ahead. I hope Mr. O'Shan will withdraw his motion until after we hear the report."

Discussion followed as to the authority of the sub-committee and it was agreed that since it was a study committee rather than an investigating committee the action of the sub-committee was proper. After further discussion Representative O'Shan consented to withdraw his motion "to take from the table" until after hearing the report of the sub-committee. The report and recommendations of the sub-committee was read by the clerk as follows: (1) That the County build a new 60-bed Home and Infirmary and raze the present building; (2) that this new building be located on the present site; (3) that Federal funds be utilized, if available, provided this does not increase the cost materially; (4) that it be recommended to the next Delegation that the House of Correction and Jail inmates be boarded out and all farm operations be discontinued. The Chairman declared the report and recommendations accepted. The Chairman requested that Representative Prescott read his report as Chairman of a special committee investigating the possibility of boarding out the county jail and House of Correction inmates. This report was also accepted.

A motion was made by Representative Normandin amending previous motion of Representative O'Shan as follows: "I move that the Chairman of the county convention appoint 3 members of the convention, and a local practicing medical doctor to work with the 3 county commissioners as a building committee for the purpose of constructing a new, 60-bed County Home and Infirmary on the present 25 acre site and razing of the old county home, that the Committee is hereby authorized to interview architects and select one, and further that the Committee report back to the entire Convention within 2 weeks concerning tentative plans and costs." Seconded by Representative Lord.

Representative O'Shan moved action to first take off the table his previous motion. Action to take from the table was voted on favorably.

Representative Lord: "Can we vote on Paul Normandin's motion if we vote first of Dave O'Shan's?" Representative Normandin: "I think you have both motions now before you. Representative O'Shan's motion specifies a definite type of building. My motion sets up a building committee to work with the 3 county commissioners as in the last analysis it is they who are going to carry this thing out. We should get the cooperation of the commissioners and have the committee go out and hire an architect and go over plans and costs. When the committee reports, we can then ask for a specific amount of money and a bond issue if required. I think it was the unanimous decision of the Sub-committee that we build."

Representative MacIsaac: "I rise in support of the motion of O'Shan. He has moved that the county commissioners be authorized to go ahead with building. It has to come back to our Convention for approval of funds. The reason I am opposed to the other motion is because it precludes having over a 60-bed infirmary and the population at the County Home is now over 70. I will oppose and go to the papers if necessary on razing of present building as there will not be room for all the inmates. We have a lot of money invested in that building, probably 40 or 50 thousand dollars in the last 7 or 8 years. It is a good place for the ambulatory patients."

Representative Howe: "I agree with MacIsaac in not wanting to dspose of the present building as yet."

Representative Watson: "Since we became interested in this, I have visited 4 other county homes and am convinced that ours is one of the best. I talked with the Fire Marshall and he said he had gone over the present building from top to bottom and says that it is well sprinklered—in fact better than many other buildings in the state. Perhaps we don't have all the necessary facilities, but that has nothing to do with the food and beds that they sleep in which seem

to be good. I would like to have figures obtained for filling the partitions in the present building with non-inflammable insulation before we vote on the motion before us."

Representative Robertson: "I am in favor of Mister O'Shan's motion as I do not favor razing the present building. It is pretty good and I'd like to save it."

Representative Rollins: "I like O'Shan's motion as I am not in favor of razing the present building. I also like Paul Normandin's motion but prefer O'Shan's."

Representative McAllister: "The original motion was we build a 40 bed Infirmary; that is leave the present buildings as is and build a 40-bed addition. I do not believe we should be in the nursing home business. I believe we should do away with the Belknap Area and use that money for the towns. I think we should move on a 40-bed Infirmary."

Representative Lacaillade: "I go along with O'Shan."

Representative Prescott: "I am against razing the present buildings and will go along with O'Shan's motion."

Representative Harkins: "I have been up to the County Home several times. In our committee we have been talking of razing the wooden building, keeping the brick jail and House of Correction. I am in favor of a 60-bed Infirmary. I agree with Dave's motion but it ties us down too much."

Representative Jones: "I am going along with Dave."

Representative Joslyn: "I go along with the motion of Paul Normandin."

Representative Stothart: "I hesitate a little on razing the present building. If it is going to be done in easy stages, I will go along with Dave's motion."

Representative Lord: "The present building will not be razed today. There was no one before our committee who

spoke of adding to the present structure. If you want a new Infirmary and County Home, we should not leave the old buildings there indefinitely. The reason we have been saying a 60-bed Infirmary is because Mr. Billings said we should have at least 59 beds. We can not take all who want to go there and must have some kind of admission policy. We are not suggesting to throw out these old people and some are not acceptable in nursing homes. I see no point in building a new Infirmary and County Home if you are going to keep the old. I think MacIsaac has a point when he speaks about money invested and we should try to salvage as much as possible. Mr. Billings has said that although the place may not be a fire trap, it is sub-standard. We must not keep the old County Home."

Representative Dulac passed.

Representative Smith: "I have one point, that is, Mrs. Lord stated that Mr. Billings said it was not a fit place to keep the bed-ridden patients but he told me it was perfectly all right to keep ambulatory patients there. The immediate need is for a 40-bed Infirmary for bed-ridden patients. The county commissioners are in agreement on this."

Representative Urie: "I would like to say this—nothing has been said about what it is going to cost. We have no plans. Are we going to get plans to see if they are acceptable for Federal aid? I think we have to consider the cost. Only Rockingham county has a better County Home than ours. It is a well-run place, and I can't subscribe to tearing this building down. We still have to have the Jail and House of Correction. At first I was in favor of selling the whole thing and getting out. If the people of Laconia want us out of there, let them offer the money. I am not going to set the price—let them make an offer. I am more in favor of O'Shan's motion than the other one."

Representative O'Shan: "The reason for my motion—I have made inquiries and talked with different people there. I sat with Mr. Rollins, the Superintendent, recently and he said he had to turn away 2 people who wanted to get into the County Home but he couldn't take them because there wasn't room and he felt bad about it. The reason I said not more than 60 beds was because I understood it was by population. The County Commissioners will go along with a

building committee. I have gone over my motion carefully, and I have had my lawyer and others go over it and they said it was a good one."

Representative Normandin: "There is nothing in my motion which says we raze the old building immediately. We are interested in what the cost is going to be. Before we have final action we will have to have some figures. I do not want to get in a position where the County Commissioners and the Delegation are not cooperating. I want a building committee with members from the Delegation to work with the County Commissioners. I think the old building will eventually be razed." Move acceptance of his motion. "I hope a building committee would determine whether Federal Aid is going to cost more."

Representative Watson: "I would like to have my motion considered and believe that the taxpayers should be taken into consideration. Three out of 4 superintendents at county homes I have talked with have the feeling that we are seeing an increase of inmates and there is still the possibility of needing more room. By the time we build and take some of the patients out of the present building, we might find that we still need it. I believe we should keep the acreage and that we need the House of Correction people to work in the dairy. The most expense is nurses and House of Correction personnel may be needed to help there. I would like to amend my motion that the building committee bring in and give us figures on installing insulation in the present building. I think that we will see a trend where more and more of these old people will need care. I want to make it clear that my interest is in the insulation of this building and not a new building."

Representative Lord: "I think if we go ahead with Mr. O'Shan's motion we are defeating the purpose of the Delegation on not razing the present building. I am willing to go along if we eliminate that from the motion. I think most of us feel the present building should be razed. Mr. Randlett has been the only architect so far. It is the feeling of some that we should not settle on one without considering others. As far as costs go our committee heard a great deal about cost from Mr. Randlett. Let's see what plans will be offered us."

Representative Normandin: "I would now like to move that an amended form of my previous motion be accepted as an amendment to Representative O'Shan's motion. I would like to read my amended motion which is as follows: 'I move that the Chairman of the County Convention appoint the Executive Committee of the Convention, and a local practicing medical doctor, to work with three County Commissioners as a Building Committee for the purpose of constructing a new, not more than sixty bed, County Home and Infirmary on the present 25 acre site; that the Committee is hereby authorized to interview architects and select one, and further that the Committee report back to the entire Convention within three weeks concerning tentative plans and cost'."

Motion seconded by Representative MacIsaac who also moved the previous question. The vote on Representative Normandin's motion amending that of Representative O'Shan was accepted by unanimous vote.

Representative Watson: "I move that the County Commissioners obtain bids on insulating the partitions of the present County Home with non-inflammable material; that they obtain figures and have them available at the same time as any other report of the Building Committee."

The vote in favor of this motion was unanimous.

On motion of Representative Normandin all members rose and stood in silent prayer in memory of the 4 persons from Laconia who recently died in an airplane crash in Massachusetts, including City Solicitor and Mrs. William T. Krasnow.

Chairman Urie thanked Representative Lord for her work as chairman of the Belknap County Sub-Committee and announced that the next meeting would be at the court house in Laconia at 7:30 p.m., August 21, 1961.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

STUART B. ALLAN

Acting Clerk of the Delegation

Minutes

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Belknap County Convention

August 29, 1961

Meeting called to order by Chairman Norman Hubbard at 7:32 p.m. in Belknap County Court House. Present: Hubbard, Joseph Smith, and John Ruel, commissioners; Convention members: MacIsaac, O'Shan, Harkins, Prescott, Lacaillade, Joslyn, Matheson, Urie, and Watson. Absent: McAllister, Ayre, and Dr. Jessup.

Minutes of August 22, 1961 meeting read. Rep. Urie requested that itemized estimates of architect Randlett relative to costs of change-over in House of Correction for use as part of infirmary, and razing of old buildings be included with minutes of August 22nd meeting. It was so agreed, and copy of architect's estimates have been made part of the August 22nd minutes.

Architect Randlett proceeded to give explanation of space study for new infirmary. Total cost of such construction, he estimated, to be $538,000; said figure to include $35,000 for new furnishings, architects fees, new boiler, tunnel to existing buildings, and fall-out shelter ($55,000).

Mr. Lester Billings, Director of Bureau of Hospital Services, Concord, N. H., explained that Federal Aid provides up to 50%, provided the money is available in funds allocated to New Hampshire. He added, that an infirmary such as contemplated by Belknap County would be classified as a nursing home.

Upon questions raised by several members of the committee, Mr. Billings said that there is no money available for Belknap County for the 1961-62 fiscal year, and no money for token allotment is available. He added that there is

possibility of getting a token allotment through release of a small amount from the St. Vincent dePaul home in Berlin, N. H.

He explained that New Hampshire receives Federal Funds in the amount of $100,000 each year for Diagnostic and Treatment building; $50,000 for nursing homes; $550,000 for hospitals; and $100,000 for discretionary use of the Bureau.

Billings added that he was reasonably confident that money will be available in 1962-63 to help Belknap County; that it *probably* would be to our disadvantage to take a token payment in 1961-62, and that it would be better to wait until after July 1, 1962, thus making Belknap eligible for allotment in the year 1963-64 for which no commitments have been made by the State Board.

Billings said he was *certain* it would be to advantage of Belknap County to get plans ready, submit them for approval for Federal Funds, and be ready for proceeding on short notice. Thus, if extra federal funds are made available, we would be ready to proceed immediately.

Chairman Hubbard announced that on September 7th the Building Committee would make its initial report to the Convention. Rep. MacIsaac moved that Building Committee request authorization from the Convention to proceed with architect in procuring plans and cost estimates for a 60-bed infirmary, following general idea of space study submitted, with details to be worked out between building committee and architect, with subsequent submission of such plans for final Convention approval before presentation for State and Federal approval. Motion seconded by Rep. Prescott.

Discussion ensued, in which Rep. Urie said that he will oppose new construction that does not include razing of old structures at County Home, basing his belief that an infirmary for 80 people can be built, including House of Correction building. He also felt that price estimated by architect Randlett was too high.

Further discussion relative to razing of old structures, and quoting from minutes of last meeting of Convention, July 31st, wherein members were polled as to their feelings on the matter.

On vote of the motion, 10 were in favor, 2 opposed. The motion carried.

Rep. Watson spoke of his request at the July 31st meeting of the Convention relative to costs of insulation of present buildings. It was admitted that commissioners and some members thought he had reference to inside partitions, which Fire Marshal had said would not provide material benefits, but it was disclosed that Mr. Watson meant exterior walls, and second floor ceilings.

The commissioners agreed to procure specifications and cost estimates immediately.

Chairman Hubbard presented the resignation from the Committee of Ellis Ayre which was read by the Clerk. Mr. Hubbard then said he had an opinion from County Attorney Richard Brouillard that the Building Committee be comprised of the Executive Committee of the Convention, the County Commissioners, and a doctor practicing medicine in the county. The matter of an additional member to replace Mrs. Ayre was referred to the Convention.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rep. Watson, seconded by Rep. MacIsaac at 9:48 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD W. MacISAAC, *Clerk*

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

September 7, 1961

Belknap County Court House

Laconia, New Hampshire

A meeting of the Delegation for the purpose of hearing the report of the Building Committee was held at 7:30 p.m. on the above date, with the following members present: Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Matheson, Lord, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, MacIsaac, Allan, Smith, Urie, and Howe.

Rep. Dulac was recognized on point of personal privilege and stated that Mr. Caterino of Keewaydin Shores, Inc., had asked him to deny a rumor that Mr. Caterino had offered from $500-$1,000 an acre for remaining land owned by the County at the present site. Rep. Dulac requested that the records state that Mr. Caterino had at no time offered any price for this land.

Chairman Urie read a letter from Keewaydin Shores, Inc., a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Rep. Watson stated he had been advised that one of the reasons he was in favor of selecting another site for the building of a new county infirmary was that he owned land which could be used for this purpose. Rep. Watson wished to go on record "that while I own several hundred acres, I do not consider that I have any land suitable for county purposes."

Commissioner Hubbard, Chairman of the building committee, reported as follows: Shortly after the Delegation meeting of July 1, at which time it was voted to create a building committee to gather cost figures and tentative plans for a new county infirmary, the committee organized. The

first two meetings were devoted to interviewing architects. Four architects were interviewed and the committee selected Norman Randlett. Commissioner Hubbard then asked Clerk of the building committee, Rep. MacIsaac, to read the August 29 building committee minutes, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Rep. Lord asked whether or not there would be a report of the Building Committee, or whether the Delegation should assume the Minutes presented was the report.

Chairman Urie stated that in his opinion the "Minutes" were nothing on which the Delegation could vote.

Rep. Lord felt that the "Minutes" were not a report, and asked whether any action had been taken by the Committee as to the acceptance of federal funds, or whether the Delegation should go ahead not knowing what might happen with regard to federal funds.

There was a discussion of the motion of Rep. MacIsaac regarding the Building Committee's "request for authorization from the Convention to proceed with architect in procuring plans and cost estimates for a 60-bed infirmary" (paragraphs 9, 10, 11, and 12 of the August 29 Building Committee Minutes).

Mr. Hubbard felt "that the wishes of the building committee were very adequately written and that this was a bona fide vote." He felt that the Minutes were the report, and that he did not know how a more specific report could be made in the few short weeks it had had to work on the matter. He stated that the committee was reporting tonight to see if the Delegation wished to proceed with other drawings which the architect had not had time to do, stating that there were drawings which even the building committee had not yet seen, but which Mr. Randlett had with him at the meeting.

There was a further discussion as to whether the Minutes were a part of the Building Committee's Report to the Delegation.

Rep. Normandin asked if it were possible for the committee to discuss with Keewaydin Shores their proposition.

Rep. Watson asked Mr. Randlett if it were important to know where the building is to be located before proceeding with plans, to which Mr. Randlett answered yes.

Chairman Urie asked Atty. Brouillard if he was correct in understanding that the County Delegation must authorize the Commissioners to sell land, and that after such authorization the Commissioners may or may not sell, to which the answer was yes.

Rep. Ayre took the chair and recognized Rep. Urie. Rep. Urie felt that the Delegation had nothing to work on at this point, with only the Minutes as a report of the building committee. He felt he would like to know exactly what the building would cost. He pointed out that Lester Billings had said the population of Belknap County should require a 60-bed infirmary which furnished full nursing care, and that beyond this Mr. Billings had made no recommendations. Rep. Urie said that he was willing to go forward with a 60-bed infirmary, providing the present "fire trap" were demolished, and had so stated at the Building Committee meeting.

Rep. MacIsaac presented architects estimate of cost at current prices of new county infirmary—$538,500, and also of demolishing present county home and remodeling house of correction building for prisoners, ambulatory patients, and employees—$110,900, copies of which are attached to these minutes.

Rep. Watson spoke of his request to the Building Committee relative to cost of insulation of the present buildings, and presented a letter from Fire Marshal Aubrey G. Robinson, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. No action was taken.

After discussion, Rep. Watson moved, seconded by Rep. Lord "that the present building committee be appointed

to look into all possibilities of sites, the sale or option to sell county land, and report to the Delegation before any further expense is involved on new plans."

An amendment to the motion, "And that the building committee carry on with the plans for the new infirmary" was offered by Rep. O'Shan, seconded by Rep. McCarthy. The vote was 9 in favor; 11 not in favor, and the amendment was lost.

There was further discussion of the motion. Rep. Lord pointed out that Belknap County is the second smallest in the State, and with the building of additional facilities, Belknap would have a County Home-Infirmary larger than any other County in the State.

Rep. Normandin moved the previous question, but withdrew the motion.

Rep. O'Shan moved that the matter be laid on the table.

Chairman Urie ruled the motion out of order.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Randlett was asked whether he would proceed with drawings at no cost to the County, to which he replied that other than single line sketches, he could go no further.

Rep. O'Shan moved that Rep. Watson's motion be laid on the table, seconded by Rep. Robertson. Four in favor, 16 not in favor, and the motion was lost.

Rep. Watson's motion was voted as follows: Fifteen in favor, 2 passes, and 3 not in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chairman Urie announced a Delegation meeting September 19 for the purpose of electing a Belknap Area Commissioner.

It was moved by Rep. Normandin, seconded by Rep. Matheson, and voted that Rep. Dulac be appointed a member of the Building Committee to replace Rep. Ayre who had resigned.

Chairman Urie invited members of the public to speak.

Dr. Kenneth Achber asked the Building Committee to come up with a definite admissions policy at the Belknap County Home for public information. It was pointed out by Chairman Urie that only the Commissioners have authority to make such a policy.

Mr. Edwin Chertok spoke as President of the Chamber of Commerce, stating that a resolution had been passed by the directors asking the Delegation to "go slow" regarding building. He explained that the Chamber of Commerce is interested in improving Laconia now and in the future. He hoped that the Delegation would investigate all possibilities of *other* sites, costs, and so on, before proceeding.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

KEEWAYDIN SHORES, INC.

Laconia, New Hampshire

September 6, 1961

Honorable H. Thomas Urie
New Hampton, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Urie:

We have followed with great interest the progress of recent discussions about the future of the county home and allied county institutional buildings in Laconia.

Our interest results, of course, from the fact that Keewaydin Shores, Inc., purchased a large amount of land immediately adjoining these buildings last year. As you are aware, a substantial investment has already been made in developing this land. In addition, we are also interested, as citizens and taxpayers, in any decisions affecting the future growth and prosperity of Laconia, Belknap County and the State of New Hampshire.

In view of this dual interest, it would seem desirable to make a formal statement of our position. We hope that such a statement will prove helpful to the Belknap County delegation and to any others responsible for determining policy in the matter of county-owned land in Laconia.

For the record, we are definitely interested in negotiating for the remaining Belknap County holdings lying off North Main Street in Laconia. We would negotiate with a view either to immediate acquisition or to an option to buy at a mutually agreeable time in the future.

The latter alternative, which would provide Belknap County with whatever time is needed to relocate county buildings in another location, is probably the preferred alternative for both parties. It should be obvious that, with ap-

proximately 450 acres presently available for development in this location, Keewaydin Shores, Inc., has no pressing need for additional acreage.

However, it should be pointed out that this situation will not continue indefinitely. Laconia is growing and can be expected to grow even more rapidly. Until the activation of Keewaydin Shores, Inc., Laconia had to pass up opportunities to acquire several desirable new industries because it had no industrial sites to offer. To a lesser extent, the city has faced a similar shortage of land for residential purposes. Both these problems, less critical now than in the immediate past, can be expected to recur. When this time comes, the availability of land located as strategically as the present county land can be of great importance, not only to Keewaydin Shores, Inc., but also to the City of Laconia and Belknap County.

We are aware of the need for a suitable alternative site for the various county buildings. To assist in solving this portion of the problem, we would be glad to provide, without cost to the county, a suitable site elsewhere in the county.

This proposal, it should be stressed, is made in the interests of intelligent long range planning by both city and county. We are firmly convinced that time will prove the wisdom of a decision to make the present county land available to support future growth. Conversely, we believe that retention of this land for exclusively county use will prove to have a harmful effect on the area's future industrial and residential growth.

Sincerely yours,

KEEWAYDIN SHORES, INC.

William F. Caterino, *President*

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Minutes

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Belknap County Convention

August 29, 1961

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3. Architect Randlett proceeded to give explanation of space study for new infirmary. Total cost of such construction, he estimated, to be $538,000, said figure to include $35,000 for new furnishings, architects fees, new boiler, tunnel to existing buildings, and fall-out shelter ($55,000).

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a small amount from the St. Vincent dePaul home in Berlin, N. H.

6. He explained that New Hampshire receives Federal Funds in the amount of $100,000 each year for Diagnostic and Treatment building; $50,000 for nursing homes; $550,000 for hospitals; and $100,000 for discretionary use of the Bureau.

7. Billings added that he was reasonably confident that money will be available in 1962-63 to help Belknap County; that it *probably* would be to our disadvantage to take a token payment in 1961-62, and that it would be better to wait until after July 1, 1962, thus making Belknap eligible for allotment in the year 1963-64 for which no commitments have been made by the State Board.

8. Billings said he was *certain* it would be to the advantage of Belknap County to get plans ready, submit them for approval for Federal Funds, and be ready for proceeding on short notice. Thus, if extra federal funds are made available, we would be ready to proceed immediately.

9. Chairman Hubbard announced that on September 7th the Building Committee would make its initial report to the Convention. Rep. MacIsaac moved that Building Committee request authorization from the Convention to proceed with architect in procuring plans and cost estimates for a 60-bed infirmary, following general idea of space study submitted, with details to be worked out between building committee and architect, with subsequent submission of such plans for final Convention approval. Motion seconded by Rep. Prescott.

10. Discussion ensued, in which Rep. Urie said that he will oppose new construction that does not include razing of old structures at County Home, basing his belief that an infirmary for 80 people can be built, including House of Correction building. He also felt that price estimated by architect Randlett was too high.

11. Further discussion relative to razing of old structures, and quoting from minutes of last meeting of Conven-

tion, July 31st, wherein members were polled as to their feelings on the matter.

12. On vote of the motion, 10 were in favor, 2 opposed. The motion carried.

13. Rep. Watson spoke of his request at the July 31st meeting of the Convention relative to costs of insulation of present buildings. It was admitted that commissioners and some members thought he had reference to inside partitions, which Fire Marshal had said would not provide material benefits, but it was disclosed that Mr. Watson meant exterior walls, and second floor ceilings.

14. The commissioners agreed to procure specifications and cost estimates immediately.

15. Chairman Hubbard presented the resignation from the Committee of Ellis Ayre which was read by the Clerk. Mr. Hubbard then said he had an opinion from County Attorney Richard Brouillard that the Building Committee be comprised of the Executive Committee of the Convention, the County Commissioners, and a doctor practicing medicine in the county. The matter of an additional member to replace Mrs. Ayre was referred to the Convention.

16. Motion to adjourn was made by Rep. Watson, seconded by Rep. MacIsaac at 9:48 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD W. MacISSAC, *Clerk*

NEW COUNTY INFIRMARY

ESTIMATE OF COST AT CURRENT PRICES

(Retaining present home)

August 22, 1961

New Infirmary			
182 x 44.33 x 2	16150		
28 x 10 x 2	560		
64 x 60	3840		
11 x 72	790		
Tunnel 100 x 9	900		
	22240		
FIRST STORY		22,240 square feet	
40 x 36	1440		
69 x 42	2900		
10 x 38	380		
108 x 44.25	4770		
	9490		
BASEMENT STORY		9,490 square feet	
First Story	22.240		
Basement Story	9,490		
	31,730 x $15		$476,000
Architect 6%			28,500
Equipment			34,000
			$538,500

Demolishing Present County Home

and

Remodeling House of Correction Building

for prisoners, ambulatory patients, and employees

ESTIMATE OF COST AT CURRENT PRICES

August 22, 1961

Demolish present buildings		$ 7,500
Top floor H of C 32.5 x 44 x $10	$ 14,300	
Interior changes 2nd and 3rd floors	5,000	
New front 32 x 10 x 4 x $12	15,400	
Elevator	20,000	
Enclosed passage 190 x $100/lf	19,000	
Supt. Cottage	13,000	
Back Stairs H of C 160 x 4 x $12	7,700	
Boiler House 900 x 10	9,000	
	$103,400	$103,400
		$110,900

August 14, 1961

Mr. Lyle Watson, Representative
Belmont
New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Watson:

This letter will confirm our conversation of July 31st and August 8th, 1961 regarding the insulating of the outside partitions of the Belknap County Home.

As the situation exists if for some reason a fire started in the basement or one of the lower floors and gets into one of these partitions it will travel upward to the attic, or laterally between the various floors, before burning out into an open area where the automatic sprinklers could take over.

Insulation, if put into the outside partitions and capping the attic, will not only help in keeping cold out in the winter season, but in the type of construction of this building it will prevent any fire originating in the basement or other area from getting into these partitions and spreading upward to the attic area.

Fire, like water and electricity takes the path of least resistance, only in this respect it takes the upward path.

Any opening above a fire is a natural flue and the partitions (especially the outside partitions) are flues between each studding. If this building was being built today, fire-stops in these partitions would be required at each floor.

Only flameproof insulation should be used.

By filling the spaces between the studdings with insulation it cuts off the possibility of a fire entering the partitions and thereby confines, or delays, its spreading to other areas.

Very truly yours,
N. H. BOARD OF FIRE CONTROL

Aubrey G. Robinson
Fire Marshal

AGR :JLO
Enc—6 copies

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

September 19, 1961

Belknap County Court House

Laconia, New Hampshire

A meeting of the Delegation for the purpose of electing a Belknap Area Commissioner for a term of five years was held at 7:30 p.m. on the above date with the following members present: Rollins, Watson, Matheson, Lord, Lacaillade, Robertson, McCarthy, Harkins, Normandin, Prescott, Dulac, O'Shan, MacIsaac, Allan, Smith, Howe, McAllister, Ayre, Stothart, and Urie.

Chairman Urie, at the request of Rep. MacIsaac, was instructed to record the fact that Rep. Jones of Ward 6 is ill, and therefore unable to attend the meeting.

Chairman Urie said that he had been in Washington, D. C., during the past week, to see Senator Norris Cotton regarding available funds for use in building a new county infirmary. He was informed that no funds were available in 1961; and that 1962 funds were practically exhausted at this point; that in the opinion of the people there, it will be practically impossible to get money this session; at the present time, there is money available for planning of jails and houses of correction.

Rep. Smith remarked that the above information did not "jibe" with that from Congressman Merrow.

Chairman Urie ruled that no one at the meeting would be permitted to speak except a member of the Delegation.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan, and seconded, that this meeting be an executive session.

Rep. McCarthy asked Atty. Brouillard for a ruling on whether or not this meeting was an executive session. Atty.

Brouillard replied that this was a matter for the Delegation to decide.

Rep. McCarthy moved the previous question.

On roll call vote, all members were in favor of executive session except Ayre and Urie, and the motion was carried. All people in the room were requested to leave.

Rep. O'Shan spoke on the subject of the building of a new county infirmary.

Rep. McCarthy moved "that Rep. O'Shan refrain, since the business of the meeting was the election of a commissioner for the Belknap Area Commission."

Rep. MacIsaac nominated Dr. A. John Lacaillade.

Rep. Lord nominated Atty. Arthur H. Nighswander.

Rep. Ayre nominated Arthur Rothafel.

Rep. Watson nominated Carl S. Redmond, Jr.

Rep. McCarthy remarked that he had talked with Mr. Redmond and that Mr. Redmond "had agreed to be a candidate only if it did not conflict with Dr. Lacaillade."

Rep. Watson stated that he had talked with Mr. Redmond that afternoon and no mention of the above had been made.

Rep. Urie nominated T. Holmes Moore.

Discussion ensued. Chairman Urie stated that the person elected must have a majority vote of the members present and voting, and ruled that the vote would be by roll call.

Rep. MacIsaac felt that the roll call vote decision should be cleared through the Delegation as a whole.

Rep. Watson moved that the vote be by ballot.

Chairman Urie ruled the motion out of order.

Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the vote be by roll call but that any person might subsequently change his vote if he wished.

Chairman Urie read a letter from County Atty. Brouillard regarding the eligibility of Dr. Lacaillade (a copy of which is attached to these minutes).

Chairman Urie read a letter from County Atty. Brouillard regarding the eligibility of Arthur Nighswander and Arthur Rothafel (a copy of which is attached to these minutes).

Rep. MacIsaac spoke in favor of Dr. Lacaillade.

Rep. Normandin spoke in favor of Atty. Nighswander. He felt the best interests of the Area would be served by electing Atty. Nighswander.

Rep. Smith concurred with Rep. Normandin but felt that if Atty. Nighswander were elected "there will be fault-finding; that because of the letters read by the Chairman all three men are out."

Rep. Smith nominated Rep. Robertson.

Rep. Robertson declined the nomination.

Rep. Stothart nominated George Wiesen.

Discussion ensued.

Rep. Urie withdrew his nomination of T. Holmes Moore.

Rep. O'Shan spoke in favor of Dr. Lacaillade.

Rep. MacIsaac spoke in favor of Dr. Lacaillade.

Rep. Rollins spoke in favor of Dr. Lacaillade and also of Arthur Nighswander.

Rep. McAllister moved, seconded by Rep. Dulac, and it was voted that nominations be closed.

Chairman Urie stated that, in accordance with Atty. Brouillard's opinion, no person could be elected except by receiving eleven (11) votes.

Rep. MacIsaac moved that the Delegation first vote on whether or not any candidate were ineligible by reason of conflict of interests.

Chairman Urie stated that the Delegation had not eliminated anyone.

First roll call vote was as follows:

For Lacaillade—Rollins, Lacaillade, Robertson, McCarthy, Prescott, O'Shan, MacIsaac, Howe, Stothart.

For Nighswander—Watson, Matheson, Lord, Harkins, Normandin, Dulac, Allan, Ayre, Urie.

For Rothafel—None.

For George Wiesen—None.

For Carl Redmond, Jr.—Smith.

No candidate having received the required 11 votes, no candidate was elected.

After discussion, a second roll call gave a unanimous vote to Carl S. Redmond, Jr. and he was declared elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

RICHARD P. BROUILLARD
Belknap County Attorney
635 Main Street Laconia, N. H.

September 19, 1961

Honorable H. Thomas Urie
New Hampton
New Hampshire

Dear Representative Urie:

This letter is in reply to two oral requests, the first made by Representative O'Shan on September 18, 1961, that I advise on the eligibility of Arthur Nighswander, Esquire, for appointment to the Belknap County Area Commission, and the second by you today that I advise on the eligibility of Mr. Arthur Rothafel for appointment to the same commission.

Re Attorney Nighswander

The question relating to Mr. Nighswander's eligibility stems from the fact that he, or his office, represents the insurance carrier against which the county is now in the process of pressing a judgment deficiency claim in the amount of about $12,000.

It was previously established that liability for deficiency in the judgment against the county was the liability of the county and not the area commission. (Letter of Louis C. Wyman, dated 12/2/60, with which I concur). The deficiency was paid by the county, and money recovered will be that of the county and not of the area commission.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that Attorney Nighswander does not have "any financial interest in the area, or in its operation, either directly or indirectly," because of this relationship.

Re Mr. Rothafel

The question relating to Mr. Rothafel's eligibility stems from (1) his connection as a staff member on the Penny Pitou Ski School and (2) his position as general manager of Station WLNH.

As to the first factor—I am of the opinion that his position on the staff of the ski school, the position of which can be likened to that of a concessionaire at the area, gives

Mr. Rothafel a financial interest in the operation of the recreational area of an indirect nature.

You have advised me that Mr. Rothafel has stated that if appointed to the area commission, he will donate his income from this source to the area ski patrol. This, it would seem to me, would sufficiently divest him of any financial interest in the operation of the area insofar as the first factor in his eligibility is concerned.

As to the second factor, namely, his position as general manager of WLNH—the question of whether in this connection Mr. Rothafel has any direct or indirect financial interest in the area, or its operation is, of course, a factual one.

Mr. Rothafel recently advised me that he is not a stockholder in the Northern Broadcasting Corporation which owns WLNH, nor is any member of his family; that a portion of his income from this capacity is determined in relation to the radio station's income; that the area does advertise through WLNH's facilities; and that the area's total radio advertising budget is less than one-fifth of one per cent of the radio station's gross income.

On these facts it must be concluded that Mr. Rothafel has a financial interest in the area, but the further inquiry must be whether that is direct or indirect, and to what degree.

In my opinion Mr. Rothafel, by virtue of his relationship with WLNH, does have a financial interest in the area which is of an indirect nature, but of such degree as to be too remote as a practical matter to disqualify him under the statute.

In conclusion, may I state that in my estimation the question of Mr. Rothafel's nomination is one of judiciousness rather than of legality, and the resolution of such a matter is the prime responsibility of the delegation.

I enclose a copy of this opinion for the Clerk and one for Representative O'Shan who requested an opinion relative to Attorney Nighswander.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) RICHARD P. BROUILLARD

RPB/amt

RICHARD P. BROUILLARD
Belknap County Attorney
635 Main Street Laconia, N. H.

September 18, 1961

Honorable H. Thomas Urie
New Hampton
New Hampshire

Dear Representative Urie:

This letter is in reply to two oral requests, the first by Representative Marion Lord made on August 31, 1961, and the second by you on September 7, that I render an opinion on the following question:

> Is Dr. A. John Lacaillade rendered ineligible for appointment to the Belknap County Recreational Area Commission because of the fact that he is part owner of a large tract of land in Gilford, located at the exit (or entrance) nearest Gilford Village to the Belknap Recreational Area?
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> This question involves an interpretation of a section of the law creating the area commission, namely, Chapter 399, Section 9, Laws of 1959, which reads as follows:
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> Dealing with Area Prohibited. No member of said commission shall receive any compensation for services other than compensation herein provided, or reimbursement for personal expenses actually incurred, or have any financial interest in the area, or in its operation, either directly or indirectly.

The portion of the foregoing section with which we are immediately concerned is "No member of said commission shall . . . have any financial interest in the area, or in its operation, either directly or indirectly."

The question of whether Dr. Lacaillade is disqualified from reappointment is necessarily a factual one, depending upon all the circumstances involved. A brief review of the facts is therefore in order:

Dr. Lacaillade has served as a member of the Belknap Area Commission since its inception in 1959, and is presently its chairman.

By warranty deed dated May 24, 1961, Philip A. Roux and A. John Lacaillade acquired from Maurice W. Sawyer a large tract of land on the southwesterly side of Route 11-A. This tract of land extends some 1250 feet from the highway at its northerly boundary and 1600 feet from the highway at its southerly boundary, and has a width of about 1800 feet at its rear boundary. The land involved has frontage on the southwesterly side of Route 11-A (that is, the area side) from a point about opposite Jeremy's Inn (formerly known as the Barracks) to and including the exit to the recreational area nearest Gilford Village to property believed now to be owned by Oliver Colby, and between a parcel (having 200 feet frontage) reserved by Maurice Sawyer easterly of the Colby land to the dividing line between the sixteenth and seventeenth ranges. The deed does not recite the distance of land fronting on the highway.

U. S. Revenue Stamps affixed to the deed indicate that consideration paid was about $5,000.

The land acquired by Mr. Roux and Dr. Lacaillade includes, therefore, in addition to the exit nearest Gilford Village, the land through and over which the road leading out of the area is located for a distance of about 2000 feet.

The area's road is actually a right of way over land of Mr. Roux and Dr. Lacaillade for the distance of about 2000 feet as previously stated.

I have not been able to determine whether the land acquired by Mr. Roux and Dr. Lacaillade adjoins the County's land at any point. It is my belief that it is separated, at least in the area of the spring, by a tract about 1000 feet in width formerly owned by Maurice Sawyer's brother, but now owned by some person whose name is not known to me.

A road over the Roux-Lacaillade land leading off of Route 11-A (about opposite Jeremy's Inn) and opening unto the area right of way in the vicinity of the spring has already been roughed out.

Dr. Lacaillade personally advised me in a conversation on September 1, 1961, that it was his (and I presume, Mr. Roux's) intention to develop this land for residential purposes; lots therein would be restricted to prevent business activity; homes would be individually owned; and that although not yet actually sub-divided, Mr. Roux was on that day or the next showing a portion of the land to a prospect. Information on some of these plans for development have since been reported in the press.

It must be borne in mind that the provision of the law under consideration is expressed in broad terms. The words "directly or indirectly" were obviously used in this statute for some purpose.

The question of whether Dr. Lacaillade has a financial interest in the area, directly or indirectly, can perhaps be best answered by the following two questions:

(1) Is Dr. Lacaillade's interest in the area the same, or any greater than that of any other citizen or is it a direct and immediate personal one?

(2) Is Dr. Lacaillade's interest in the area any greater now than it was prior to his acquisition of the land that he now owns and which is referred to above?

The answers, it seems to me, must be in the affirmative.

Further, since the factual situation, boiled down to its essentials, is that acquisition of this land was primarily in terms of speculation on its future value, it seems to me that Dr. Lacaillade's interest is a financial one and is indirect in nature.

The answer to the question propounded, if answered without consideration of all facts involved, could well be answered in the negative; however, in view of all the facts,

I regret it is my duty to say that it must be answered in the affirmative.

I believe that this conclusion is consistent with the principle that "disqualifications provided by the legislature are construed strictly and will not be extended to cases not clearly within their scope . . . "*67CJS* 126, *Officers, Section II.*

Furthermore, it is consistent with the principle that, "a public officer has the duty of serving the public with undivided loyalty, uninfluenced in his official actions by any private interest or motive whatsoever." *S & L Associates, Inc., v. Washington TWP,* (1960) 61 *N. J. Super* 312, 160*A2* 635.

Whether the position of a public officer likened to that of a fiduciary or of a corporate officer, the rule is the same and "in such cases (the rule) springs from his (the trustee's) duty to protect the interests of the estate and not to permit his personal interest to in any wise conflict with his duty in that respect. The intention is to provide against any possible selfish interest exercising an influence, which can interfere with the faithful discharge of the duty which is owing in a fiduciary capacity. *Magruder v. Drury,* 235 *U.S.* 106, 119." *Hollis v. Tilton,* (1939) 90 *N. H.* 119. *Rosenblum v. Company* (1954) 99 *N. H.* 267.

Dr. Lacaillade and his attorney, James D. O'Neill have requested a copy of this opinion. I feel that you are the one to take action on this request.

I enclose copies of this for the Clerk of the Delegation, one for Representative Lord who initially requested the opinion, and an extra copy.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) RICHARD P. BROUILLARD

RPB/amt.

BELKNAP COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Laconia, N. H.

Quarterly Meeting of Executive Committee of Belknap County Convention, 9/22/61.

Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chairman Donald W. MacIsaac.

Members present: MacIsaac, Watson, McAllister, Lacaillade, Joslyn, Prescott and O'Shan, and clerk of committee Walter Harkins. Also present were County Commissioners Hubbard, Smith and Ruel.

The Commissioners presented the budget figures and financial report through August 31, 1961 and all expenditures as explained by the report and the Commissioners appeared to be in order.

The matter of collecting interest from the Area Commission on the amount taken from the County capital reserve fund to meet a Superior Court judgement as a result of lawsuit following a Belknap Area accident was discussed. Commissioner Hubbard explained that the Area Commissioners had been asked for such interest, but inasmuch as judgement was rendered against the County, and not the Area, the Area Commissioners have no responsibility for interest to the County.

Also discussed were provisions of the law creating Belknap Area Commission which leaves County liable for Area, but little provision for County control over Area fiscal operations. Also discussed was expected request of Area Commission for bond issue approval pledging credit of County.

Commissioner Hubbard informed Executive Committee that the Ruel property directly behind Court House is to be sold at auction or mortgage foreclosed in immediate future. Committee recessed to view the property.

Upon return to session, it was moved by Rep. Prescott of Laconia Ward 4, seconded by Rep. Lacaillade of Laconia Ward 1, and unanimously voted that the County Commissioners be authorized to investigate the advisability, and costs, and advantages of acquiring the Ruel property, and report to the Executive Committee with their recommendations.

The motion to adjourn was duly seconded and voted at 2:58 P. M.

WALTER A. HARKINS, *Clerk of Executive Committee*

DONALD W. MacISAAC,
Chairman

BELKNAP COUNTY COURT HOUSE

September 22, 1961

3:00 P. M.

A special meeting of the Building Committee of the Belknap County Convention was held in the office of the County Commissioners. All members present except Dr. Jessup, Keith Matheson, and H. Thomas Urie.

Chairman Hubbard reported on a special informal session held by him with members MacIsaac and O'Shan, and William Caterino, on September 8th. Mr. Caterino made no definite commitment on a price for the balance of the County Home property, but was definitely interested. Mr. Caterino was, reported Chairman Hubbard, going to answer his own letter originally sent to Convention Chairman Urie and submit sites for Convention approval.

Chairman Hubbard reported that Mr. Caterino had been approached by several people relative to available land in the County that could possibly be suitable for a new County Institution.

Representative O'Shan said he had checked the deeds on sale of the County property to L.I.D.C. and it was his understanding that L.I.D.C. has "first refusal" on balance of land at County Home.

On motion of Commissioner Ruel, it was agreed that Chairman Hubbard appoint a special sub-committee to investigate sites that the County could possibly use for a new County Home and Infirmary. The Committee to be comprised of: Prescott, Chairman; Joslyn, Lacaillade, MacIsaac and Harkins.

Chairman Hubbard said that 24 yearling heifers at the farm will be disposed of in the Spring of 1962, and that barns will be empty after next May. He suggested consideration of the building committee of possible future use of these buildings, and possibility of conversion to 40-bed Infirmary.

Building are "U" shaped, built in 1938, concrete floors and foundations, no interior load-bearing walls of posts, and over 10,000 square feet available.

There was considerable discussion of possibilities among the members present.

It was reported that Commissioner Hubbard would obtain specifications and estimates on cost of completing insulation of present County Infirmary building.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

D. W. MacISAAC, *Clerk*

Report of Building Committee relative to

BELKNAP COUNTY INFIRMARY

The Building Committee, comprised of the Belknap County Commissioners, the Executive Committee of the Belknap County Convention, Convention Chairman H. Thomas Urie, Clerk of Convention Ellis Ayre, and Dr. James S. Jessup, of Laconia, met seven times between August 4th and October 31st. No less than nine members were present at any meeting of the committee.

At the first meeting, Norman Hubbard, County Commissioner, was elected Chairman and Rep. Donald MacIsaac elected Clerk. Architects for proposed construction of new infirmary facilities were interviewed.

At the second meeting, August 8th, 11 members present, another architect was interviewed. At this meeting Norman P. Randlett, of Laconia, received a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, and was selected as architect by the committee.

At subsequent meetings of the committee, the architect presented line drawings for a 60-bed single story infirmary building. Following much discussion, it was decided to have further studies by the architect, along with cost estimates on demolition of present frame buildings, remodeling house of correction building, and attaching a 60-bed infirmary to it. Figures for this proposal were presented at the meeting held on August 22nd, and estimated in excess of $100,000 for demolition and remodeling, plus some $500,000 for additional new construction. These figures are attached to and part of the minutes of August 22nd meeting.

In compliance with wishes of the Convention, Chairman Hubbard appointed a sub-committee comprised of members Prescott, Joslin, Watson, Lacaillade, MacIsaac and Harkins to seek possible sites in county for relocation of county home-infirmary and detention facilities. This sub-committee travelled some 68 miles about the county on two occasions, viewing some 11 possible sites available. The report is a part of the minutes of the meeting of the committee held October 31st, 1961.

Another sub-committee comprised of the Commissioners and Reps. O'Shan and MacIsaac met with Mr. William Caterino, developer of the lands previously sold by the County to the Laconia Industrial Development Corporation. In meeting with Mr. Caterino the sub-committee endeavored to have him set a price which he would be willing to pay for the remaining land and buildings owned in Laconia by the County. No fixed price was received, but it was verbally indicated that the top price to be expected from the Keewaydin interests would be $50,000.

At the last meeting of the Building Committee, held October 31, 1961, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: (Eleven members present and voting.)

1. The Building Committee recommends to the County Convention that additional facilities be built on the present site of the County Home.

2. The Building Committee recommends that the Commissioners include the sum of $1,800 in their 1962 budget to complete insulation of present County Home buildings.

3. The Building Committee recommends to the County Convention that the Commissioners, in conjunction with the Building Committee, be authorized to proceed immediately with plans and construction of a 40-bed addition to the County Home as represented in space studies submitted by the architect, total cost not to exceed $350,000.

4. The Building Committee request that the Chairman of the County Convention, H. Thomas Urie, call a meeting of the Convention to hear the report of, and

act upon the recommendations of the Building Committee. The resolution also requested that the meeting be called for a date not later than November 21st, 1961.

The foregoing report is essentially a summary of the minutes of the various meetings held by the Building Committee and its sub-committee since organized on August 4th, 1961. Minutes of several of these committee meetings have been mailed to members of the Convention.

The Chairman stands ready to answer questions.

NORMAN HUBBARD
For the Building Committee

Copies sent to each member of the Delegation, The County Commissioners, and Dr. Jessup. Mailed out Nov. 2, 1961.

BELKNAP COUNTY COURT HOUSE

October 31, 1961

At 7:30 P.M. a meeting of Building Committee of Belknap County Convention called to order by Chairman Norman Hubbard. Present besides chairman: Commissioners Smith and Ruel; Reps. Prescott, Watson, O'Shan, Harkins, Matheson, Joslyn, Dulac, and MacIsaac.

Report of the sub-committee to seek out possible sites for relocation of county home and infirmary read by its chairman, Oscar Prescott; report is attached and made part of minutes of this meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of the Building Committee on September 22, 1961, read and approved.

Chairman Hubbard gave a more detailed report of an informal meeting held with Mr. Caterino of Keewaydin Shores, Inc., on September 8th., and a subsequent personal visit with Mr. Caterino. He said that there would be no letter forthcoming from Mr. Caterino (as mentioned in minutes of September 22nd.) until such time as Mr. Caterino is notified that the remaining property at the County Farm is for sale at a set figure. He added that Mr. Caterino had verbally indicated his top price for the property is $50,000.

Rep. Dulac: There is no further use in "chasing around countryside" if Caterino offer is limited as reported by the chairman. He added that the land sold by the county and now under development is to be aided by the City of Laconia by sewerage extension costing $400,000. He felt that it is out of question for us to consider less than $100,000 as selling price, inasmuch as county land still held should be worth $8,000 to $9,000 per acre when sewage lines are completed to the property. He concluded that he felt the sites subcommittee had fulfilled its obligation in seeking sites as requested by the Convention.

Rep. Watson: Speculated on value of keeping record straight by writing letter to Mr. Caterino informing him that committee had fixed price for sale in excess of amount reported ($50,000) he would pay.

Rep. Harkins: Property worth much more than $100,000 to County. $100,000 of negligible value to County because of replacement cost of buildings necessary for Home and Infirmary, etc.

Rep. Dulac: Questioned advisability of asking Mr. Caterino for his best offer, but on reassurance from Commissioners that Mr. Caterino had said $50,000 was top price he would pay, withdrew suggestion.

Motion of Rep. O'Shan, seconded by Rep. Prescott: Whereas Mr. Caterino has seen fit not to answer the letter he originally sent to Convention Chairman H. Thomas Urie, and which Mr. Caterino had told the Commissioners he would answer, the Building Committee recommends to the County

Convention that additional facilities be built on the present County Home site, and that a copy of this recommendation be sent to Mr. Caterino.

Discussion ensued.

Architect N. P. Randlett questioned as to cost of replacement of Home, Infirmary, Jail and House of Correction, set minimum figure at $750,000.

Further discussion of topic: Would members of committee be interested if $200,000 were offered for land County still owns, and if such offer were accepted, what could we do with $400,000 cash on hand toward new construction. It was brought out that in order to provide replacement, plus additional facilities for expected growth to 120 patients, construction costs would jump to $1,000,000.

Motion of Mr. O'Shan was voted UNANIMOUSLY.

Further discussion in which Rep. MacIsaac presented case for the Keewaydin Corporation, advancing idea that even if County had to build elsewhere with bond issue of $350,000 over and above Federal Aid, that whole county would benefit by new industry, new jobs, new homes, etc., because 40% of labor force in the community live outside Laconia.

Consensus of rebuttal was that towns and Laconia would be taking money out of one pocket to place in another.

Architect Randlett presented new space studies for a 40-bed addition to the present facilities (no charge to the Convention), which he assured committee would not exceed $350,000 in total cost. He also said that he had discussed these studies with Mr. Billings at Concord, who assured him they would qualify for Federal Aid, and that a token payment can be made in 1962 from the Federal funds allotted to New Hampshire.

Motion of Mr. MacIsaac, seconded by Mr. Watson, UNANIMOUSLY voted, that the Building Committee recommend that the Commissioners budget for 1962 include

$1,800 to complete insulation of present county home buildings.

On subsequent motion by Mr. MacIsaac, seconded by O'Shan, and UNANIMOUSLY voted: The Building Committee recommended to the County Convention that Commissioners in conjunction with Building Committee be authorized to proceed immediately with plans and construction of a 40-bed addition to the County Home as represented in the space studies submitted by Architect Randlett, total cost not to exceed $350,000.

On motion of Mr. Ruel, duly seconded and UNANIMOUSLY voted, the clerk was instructed to submit the following request to Convention Chairman, H. Thomas Urie:

Whereas, the Building Committee is now ready to report to the County Convention, and whereas the committee feels that should the Convention act positively on recommendations of the Building Committee, it will be advantageous to proceed forthwith, it is requested that Chairman Urie call a meeting of the Convention to be held no later than November 21, 1961 to hear the report of, and act upon recommendations of the Building Committee.

Further agreed by the Committee that the Clerk release any information relative to committee action in the public interest to the Press.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and carried at 9:35 P.M.

D. W. MacISAAC,
Clerk

SUB-COMMITTEE ON "SITES"

October 16, 1961

Committee on possible sites for County Home met at Court House, Monday, October 16, 1961, meeting called for 1:30 P.M.

Committee present: Prescott, MacIsaac, Joslyn, Watson, Lacaillade and Harkins.

After Chairman Prescott read the list of possible sites with information submitted from interested parties, the committee, with the exception of Donald MacIsaac, left at 2:30 P.M. to view the various pieces of property.

The first stop was at the George Ellis farm in Sanbornton, on the so-called Guy Leavitt Road, off the Bay Meeting Road approximately 4½ miles from Center of Laconia. Land consists of 170 acres, some on both sides of road on so-called Leavitt Road running to Bay Shore Road and upper Bay Meeting Road to Collieson Road, with the exception of three house lots, which have been sold and built on. A sightly place, with farm house and no barn. Plenty of cleared land.

Second site visited was the so-called Tyler farm on Steele Hill with a good house and 608 acres of land overlooking Lake Winnisquam. Most of the land is on the north side with several acres of wood land on south side of road. Some cleared land on north side. This property is about eight miles up on the hill from Laconia.

Third site visited was the Ellis Blaisdell farm on Union Road in Belmont. This farm consisted of 120 acres located on both sides of the road. About 20 acres on north side and balance on farm side with about 40 acres of cleared land. Buildings are not of much value from outside appearances. About five miles from Laconia.

Fourth site; the John Drouin farm on Ladd Hill, Belmont, consists of two farms. One of 160 acres and the other

of 140 acres on both sides of road with about 800 feet on Route U.S. 3, opposite Morin's Wrought Iron Shop. Has some young cattle left, but buys his milk for his milk delivery route. Driven well. About 2 miles from Laconia.

Fifth site, the Charles Smith land on Route 107. Running on both sides of road that leads to Plummer Hill. This is all rough land with some timber and hard wood and rocks. About three miles from Laconia.

Sixth site was the Howland property, located on Route 107 about 3½ miles from the city. With land and buildings on one side and pasture and woodland on the other. One piece consists of 80 acres and the other of 120 acres with a brook running through both pieces. The house appeared in excellent condition, having a large shed or barn.

Mr. Lacaillade left the party at this point.

Seventh site to be viewed was the Rogers' Brothers farm on Middle Road to Gilmanton Iron Works. This property consisted of 500 acres in mostly all cleared land with farm house and barn. About 5 miles from center.

Eighth site, Dave Sturrock property of 50 acres on Parade Road. Five miles from Laconia, near road that leads to Pickerel Pond. Some of land is cleared and some is woodland.

*** The Land on the White Oaks road to Lily Pond was not viewed for lack of information as to location, and as some of this land has been mentioned for new State Highway use, consideration would be of much value at this time.

From notes made by W. A. Harkins, no action by Committee.

W. A. HARKINS

SUB-COMMITTEE ON "SITES"

October 26, 1961

The sub-committee, for viewing possible new sites, of the Belknap County Home Building Committee met at the Court House at 1:30 P.M. The following were present: Chairman Oscar C. Prescott, Lyle Watson, Olin Joslyn and Walter A. Harkins.

After conferring with committee members present, the group left at 1:45 P.M. to view further sites.

Bishop Farm: The first stop was the Bishop Farm, located just over the Belmont line a quarter of a mile west of the four corners off Prescott Hill. This property consists of about 100 acres of mostly cleared land on both sides of the road. The south side piece of about 60 acres with over 30 acres of cleared field and balance of good pasture and hay land. The north side piece contains the house, barn, which is large enough for 40 head of cattle and a double decker chicken house.

Mr. Bishop will retain about 30 acres of woodland and a small part of the field to square up lines which run to the highway Route 106. He is asking $16,000 for the 60 acre field and $33,000 for the whole piece, reserving only wood lot piece, stock and tools.

Dutile land: About 1 mile off Route 106, on road that leads from Mile Hill to Bean Hill area. About 60 acres, with house that could be repaired. Three and 8-tenths miles from Laconia and 2.3 miles from U.S. Route 3. Located in Belmont.

Higgins land: Located in Belmont on main highway Route 106, 7 miles to Laconia. On left hand side of road,

opposite South Road corner. This property has about 8 to 10 acres of cleared land, with about a total of 200 acres. Lumber and hard wood, with a possible gravel bank, and goes as far north as Route 140 towards Gilmanton. Brown stone front buildings of no salvage value. Valuation sale price under $5,000.

Travel 18 miles October 26.

Travel 50 miles October 16th in Chairman Prescott's car.

Notes, made by W. A. Harkins.

W. A. HARKINS

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

November 28, 1961

Belknap County Court House
Laconia, New Hampshire

A meeting of the Delegation for the purpose of hearing the report of the building committee for the new county infirmary was held at 7:30 p.m. on the above date with the following members present: Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Matheson, Lord, Robertson, McCarthy, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, MacIsaac, Allan, Smith, Urie, Joslyn, and Howe.

The meeting was opened by Reverend Eric Bascom, Jr., pastor of the Laconia Congregational Church, who paid tribute to Senator Styles Bridges and Speaker Sam Rayburn, and offered prayer.

Commissioner Norman Hubbard presented an undated report of the building committee which recommends a 40-bed addition to the County Home, total cost not to exceed $350,000, on the present site; plus the sum of $1,800 to be included in the 1962 budget to complete insulation of present County Home buildings. A copy of the complete report is attached to the original minutes.

Chairman Urie stated that the report was accepted.

Rep. Lord asked Mr. Hubbard "how many people the commissioners are planning for in the entire planning." The answer was that "no particular number are being planned for."

There was a discussion of the cost of demolishing the present buildings, previously estimated by Architect Randlett at a cost of $7,500. Rep. Lord said that in a conversation with the Fire Chief, he had stated the job could be well done for $1,000.

There was a question on whether or not the new proposal included a fallout shelter. The answer was no.

There was a question as to the intent of the commissioners' use of the present buildings. Mr. Hubbard stated that the commissioners "contemplated the use of the present buildings plus the new building." He felt that the present buildings were safe for all except ambulatory patients, stating that "this is not a fire trap."

There was further discussion, during which Commissioner Ruel stated that the present home "is a fire trap." Commissioner Smith stated that "it is not a fire trap—it is impossible to burn it." It was further pointed out that the State Fire Marshall rules it "not a fire trap."

Rep. Lord asked why the building committee had changed its recommendations from a 60-bed to a 40-bed addition. Mr. Hubbard replied that the building committee could not come to agreement on the 60-bed building, but that it had a unanimous vote on the 40-bed addition, although he personally felt that the 40-bed unit was inadequate.

Rep. O'Shan moved adoption of the plan by the Convention.

Chairman Urie ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that this meeting was a hearing, and that motions were legal under the rules of the House (under which the Delegation operates) only during executive session.

A violent discussion ensued. Chairman Urie ruled a five minute recess.

Chairman Urie recognized Mrs. Edwina Merrill who explained her plan to build private facilities in Laconia and gave each member a copy of the written speech, a copy of which is attached to the original minutes.

Rep. O'Shan stated that Mrs. Merrill was not a resident of Belknap County.

Attorney Joseph Ransmeier of the firm of Sullivan, Hollis, Godfrey and Soden of Concord representing Mrs. Merrill, further explained the plan, and asked what authority the County has for operating on a commercial basis, since the County is responsible for the support of paupers only.

Chairman Urie read a letter from Mayor Huot in which he reaffirmed the position of his Office and of the Planning Board that the land on which the county poor farm now rests, be released for taxation by the City and that the County seek another location.

Chairman Urie read a letter from the County Attorney regarding the legality of the County Commissioners (1) "boarding out" county home and infirmary inmates; (2) whether it is mandatory for the commissioners to provide a home and infirmary; and (3) whether it is mandatory for them to maintain a jail and house of correction.

In brief, the county attorney's opinion was that the commissioners must take care of "paupers" by whatever arrangements they choose to make; that it is not mandatory that this be done by providing a county home/infirmary, but that it could be done by "boarding out" of paupers; and that a jail and house of correction must be provided by the county. A copy of the letter is attached to the original minutes.

Former representative Marion Atwood of Sanbornton spoke in favor of building on another site. A copy of her remarks is attached to the original minutes. Mrs. Atwood felt that to build on the present site would be unfair to the City of Laconia, and that tax-wise to build on another site would benefit the entire county.

Mr. Hubbard spoke again, pointing out that in the plans for the new infirmary, a kitchen and a boiler room large enough to take care of the proposed 40-bed building and the jail and house of correction were planned, indicating that possibly some time in the future the present buildings could be demolished.

Rep. Ayre took the Chair and Rep. Urie spoke against building on the present site.

Rep. MacIsaac spoke in favor of immediate adoption of the plan of the building committee.

Mrs. Frances Follett spoke in favor of building.

Councilman Romeo deBlois spoke in favor of immediate adoption of the building committee plan. Rep. Rollins spoke. Mrs. Wesley Adams spoke.

Chairman Urie requested the county home committee and the county commissioners to confer with Mrs. Merrill to report at the December 13 meeting. Commissioner Hubbard stated that the commissioners had already heard Mrs. Merrill and would not be interested in meeting with her and the county home committee. Chairman Urie named Rep. Lyle Watson chairman of this committee in the absence of former chairman Rep. Marion Lord.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

Addendum to Minutes of

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

November 29, 1961

As discussed at the meeting on the above date, the matter of prisoners of Belknap County being transferred to any other "jail" was to be checked by County Attorney Richard P. Brouillard. A copy of his letter to the Chairman and his request that this letter be incorporated with the Minutes of the meeting on November 29, 1961 follows:

December 2, 1961

Honorable H. Thomas Urie
Chairman
Belknap County Delegation
New Hampton, N. H.

Dear Representative Urie:

In the course of the public hearing held at the Belknap County Court House on November 29, 1961, former Representative Marion Atwood mentioned that prisoners sentenced to certain Houses of Correction were actually serving such sentences in the facilities of other counties.

Mrs. Atwood's statement is correct. RSA, Chapter 619, Section 5, provides that prisoners sentenced to the Strafford, Cheshire, Merrimack or Sullivan County Houses of Correction may while said sentences are in effect, by authority of the committing judge and upon good cause being shown by the County Commissioners in those counties, be transferred to any other "jail" within the State for confinement for the balance of their sentence. This statute constitutes special legislative authority to the counties mentioned, authority which has not been found granted to Belknap County.

The opinions which I gave you in my letter of November 25, 1961, relating to the responsibility of the county to maintain a jail and house of correction remain unaltered.

I have forwarded a copy of this letter to the Clerk of the County Delegation to be incorporated within the minutes of the public hearing.

Very truly yours,
RICHARD P. BROUILLARD

RPB/amt

Pursuant to provisions of Chapter 24:15 Revised Statutes Annotated as amended, of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners of Belknap County through their Chairman, Norman Hubbard, have appealed to the Executive Committee of the County Convention for an emergency meeting to provide for funds in excess of the amount appropriated in the 1961 Budget.

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 24:15 RSA, as amended, the Executive Committee of the Belknap County Convention will meet with the County Commissioners, and hold a public hearing at 2:30 in the afternoon of Friday, December 15, 1961 at the Belknap County Court House in Laconia, New Hampshire.

DONALD W. MacISAAC
Chairman, Executive Committee

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

December 19, 1961

Belknap County Court House

Laconia, New Hampshire

An executive session of the Delegation, for the purpose of taking action on the construction of additional facilities at the county home, was held at 7:45 p.m. on the above date with the following members present: Rollins, Watson, Lord, McCarthy, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Prescott, Stothart, Dulac, O'Shan, MacIsaac, Allan, Smith, Urie, Joslyn, and Howe.

Also present were County Attorney Richard Brouillard and Dr. John Eckels. Chairman Urie informed Dr. Eckels that since this was executive session, his presence under the rules was not allowed. Rep. Normandin suggested that if there were no objection by any member of the delegation Dr. Eckels be allowed to stay. There was no objection, and Dr. Eckels stayed.

Chairman Urie stated that in the future if any member were insulted by another member, he would immediately call a recess which would last until apologies were made and the offending member agreed to abide by the rules.

Rep. MacIsaac presented the report of the executive committee meeting of December 15, a copy of which is attached to the original minutes, at which time the County Commissioner requested permission to borrow $25,000 to cover an anticipated overdraft for 1961. It was explained by Rep. MacIsaac that approximately all of the overdraft was in the county home item.

Rep. MacIsaac presented a request from the commissioners for the sum of $7,500 to purchase the so-called Ruel property adjoining the court house property for use as parking area, the property itself at a cost of $6,000 with the remaining $1,500 to be used to raze the present building and to resurface the area.

There was discussion of the overdraft in relation to the operation of the County Home, Rep. MacIsaac suggesting that a cost analysis was in order since "if we can't operate on a tax-free basis, with surplus commodities, and little or no labor cost, we ought to get out of the business." Chairman Urie polled the delegation as to their opinion on obtaining a cost analysis, and it appeared most members were in favor.

The meeting was recessed for two minutes.

Rep. O'Shan moved, Rep. Dulac seconded a motion "that the delegation authorize and request the Belknap County Commissioners to work with Mr. Harold Aiken and Mr. Dana Beane, Jr. to prepare a cost analysis of the county home operation." The vote was unanimously in favor.

Rep. MacIsaac moved, Rep. Normandin seconded a motion "that the delegation hereby authorize and request the Belknap County Commissioners to prepare a line item departmental budget for 1962 in accordance with the existing statutes (Chapter 24: Sect. 14 as amended by Law of 1961, Chapter 142, Sect. 1) and present it to the delegation for its consideration." The vote was unanimously in favor.

There was a discussion of the Ruel property and its use as a parking lot. Chairman Urie appointed Rep. Prescott, Rep. Dulac, and Rep. Watson to look into the matter with respect to cost, assessment, and appraisal, and to report its findings at the next delegation meeting.

Rep. Watson, chairman of the committee to investigate the Merrill proposal, made his report (a copy of which is attached to the original minutes) and read a letter from Mrs. Merrill, a copy of which is attached to the original minutes. In brief, Mrs. Merrill stated that she had, on December 18, signed a sales agreement for the purchase of the Sunny Gables property on the White Oaks Road consisting of 78 acres of land and farm house, the farm house to be used as a retirement home for elderly couples, to be open by the first of April, 1962, and the land to be used for the building of a 50-bed nursing home and twenty-five efficiency housekeeping units.

Rep. Watson moved, seconded by Rep. Ayre, "that the matter of further construction of county home facilities be laid on the table." On roll call vote, two members, Rep. Watson, Rep. Ayre voting in favor, all others present voting against, the motion was lost.

After discussion, Rep. Normandin moved (and requested that the Resolutions offered by him and preceding the official motion, be made a part of the records); Rep. O'Shan seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS; The Belknap County Commissioners have expressed a desire to tear down the existing County Home and Infirmary Buildings as soon as it is practical; and

WHEREAS; The Belknap County Commissioners have expressed a desire to set a firm admittance policy relative to patients and residents of the Belknap County Home and Infirmary; and

WHEREAS; several committees and individuals have made recommendations to build on the existing property and further stated that it is not economically possible to move the county facilities at the present time; and

WHEREAS; an architect has indicated that the proposed building, if not used by the County, could be easily and inexpensively remodeled for modern apartments, now, therefore,

I move that the delegation hereby authorize the Belknap County Commissioners to proceed to acquire working drawings for a 40-bed infirmary on the existing site and put the same out for bid to determine cost, and there shall be no public hearing on any bond issue until the amount of federal aid is determined.

On roll call vote, two members voting against (Rep. Watson and Rep. Ayre), all other members present voting in favor, the motion was carried.

Chairman Urie stated that the delegation would meet with the Belknap Mountain Recreation Area Commission, at the Area, on Wednesday, December 27, at 2:00 p.m., to consider the report of the Commission and their request to construct a double chair lift to the top of Mt. Gunstock and certain other improvements.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS AYRE, *Clerk*

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

December 27, 1961

Belknap Recreation Area

Gilford, New Hampshire

A meeting of the Belknap County Delegation, with the members of the Belknap Recreation Area Commission, was held for the purpose of hearing a presentation of their request for approval of a bond issue for $240,000 for added facilities and expansion at the Area.

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. by the Chairman, H. Thomas Urie, with the following members present: Representatives Urie, Allan, Smith, Watson, Stothart, Prescott, Harkins, Howe, Matheson, Lord, Robertson, McAllister, Normandin, Joslyn, Rollins, Dulac, and O'Shan. Also present were Chairman Mary Robertson, Dr. William Baker, Mr. Whitman Ide, Dana Beane, Jr., Carl Redmond, members of the Area Commission, and Area Manager Warren Warner. In the absence of the regular clerk of the delegation, Stuart Allan was designated acting clerk by the Chairman.

After an explanation of the schedule for the afternoon, the meeting was turned over to Chairman Robertson, of the Area Commission, who explained that the purpose of the meeting was for the Area Commission to present and explain their request for a Bond Issue of $240,000 for new facilities and expansion at the Area.

Chairman Robertson introduced the Area Manager who showed slides of the Area, and he pointed out the location of the new ski trails and chair lift to Gunstock Mountain. Mr Warner explained that five new trails had been projected for the future, but only three were involved in the present proposed plan. One of the slopes would have a run of 1½ miles; another of 1¼; and the third, 2 miles. The additional two trails, when and if built, would have a length of about 1½ miles each. Mr. Warner stated that the proposed double

chair lift would be installed approximately in the middle of the three trails to the top of Gunstock Mountain and would serve all three trails.

Mr. Ide was introduced by the Chairman who explained the manner in which the Gerhard Mueller Skilifts was selected from among other companies which submitted bids on the specification sent out by the Commission. He stated that the specifications were drawn up by the Commission with the assistance of Mr. Robbins, the Area consulting engineer and Mr. Warner, the Area manager, and after consulting with state officials, these were then sent to seven manufacturers of chair lifts. Three out of seven of the manufacturers returned bids, Gerhard Mueller Co. being by far the lowest bidder. Because of the difference in the bids there was some doubt in the minds of the members of the commission whether this chair lift would meet their requirements. The matter was gone over thoroughly with the Mueller representative, the consulting engineer, and the Area Manager. It was then decided to proceed to Jay Peak in Vermont where one of these lifts was in operation and after thorough inspection and riding on the lift and seeing it in operation, it was decided to recommend the purchase of this lift.

It was pointed out that the Mueller Lift has only 17 towers against 51 towers for the Roebling, but in spite of the difference in the number of towers, the Mueller is considered fully as strong and safe as it has combination of more sheaves to distribute the weight and maintenance is claimed to be far less.

A 200-horsepower motor is included for operation as well as an auxiliary gas motor to be used in the event of power failure. According to Mr. Ide, this lift has excellent safety features and the price of $157,350 including all equipment and installation. In view of the fact that this lift is manufactured in Switzerland, Representative Normandin asked about maintenance and availability of parts. Mr. Ide stated that the company will furnish sufficient parts for any normal repair, and a branch has been established in Boston,

Massachusetts, to supply parts and maintenance; also, that an insurance policy would be issued at the company's expense covering loss of any business within one year due to breakdown of the equipment.

Dr. Baker, of the Area Commission, explained expenditures for added facilities at the Area. He stated that it would be necessary to increase parking space of the Area and it was proposed to put culverts in the brooks adjacent to the parking area at the Administration Building and add fill to accommodate 8000 more cars and pave the present unpaved parking area, and extend the paving to the bottom of the slopes in order that an ambulance and emergency equipment could reach the base easily—the total cost to be $9,400.

It is proposed to clear about 5 miles of new trail—about 5 acres per trail—at a cost of from $500 to $1,000 per acre or a total of $20,000 to put in condition for skiing. It is also proposed to build a new building on top of Mount Gunstock to be used in the winter as a warming hut with some restaurant facilities and to be used in the summer as an observation tower from which a magnificent view can be obtained.

Dr. Baker stated that the double chair lift appeals to families, particularly where there are children, as a parent can ride beside a child and give it confidence; also, on the proposed chair lift the chairs would be no lower than 17 feet from ground or higher than 25 feet as compared to 75-100 feet on lifts in some other areas.

A new control building at the base is contemplated for housing the controls and machinery—also a new ticket office and a new first aid building which is badly needed—also new electric lines would have to be installed and telephone communication from the base to the top of the mountain. There is a need for better toilet facilities in the administration building especially for women, and the restaurant area should be expanded. A new well should be driven to take care of the water supply, as they are now using water from the pond and chlorinating it. The driven well on the property which supplied a 65,000 gallon tower has gone dry.

Dr. Baker stated that if these things are not done, including the additional chair lift, the Belknap Area will find itself in third or fourth place as compared to other major slopes. The cost of these additional facilities is outlined in the brochure of the Area Commission supplied to all members of the Delegation.

Mr. Dana Beane, Jr., of the Area Commission, was called upon to present the financial picture. Representative O'Shan inquired as to whether some part of the $10,000,000 appropriation for expansion of recreational facilities in the state passed by the last legislature would be available. Chairman Urie stated that he did not believe so, and Mr. Beane said that in his opinion the County could borrow money as cheaply as the State could. Mr. Beane stated that for the first two years of the commission's existence they had concentrated on bringing all the equipment up to standard before any plan for expansion was considered, as it was not desired to be paying out of a bond issue for repairs to existing equipment. He explained that for this year a limit of $15,000 had been placed for capital outlay which included the purchase of a new "Sno-Cat". He stated that the Commission would be in a sound financial condition before any bond issue, and that it was proposed to place money in escrow for payment on the bond issue for the following year—in other words, there would always be money in the bank to meet the yearly payment even though because of unforeseen conditions income might be considerably less. He estimates that the interest charge on financing the bond issue will be 3½ per cent.

Mr. Carl Redmond of the Area Commission estimates that the new chair lift and new trails will increase income $37,000 annually from a total of $100,000 to $137,000 with a further increase in summer of $10,000.

The Commission plans to increase some of the fees at the Area but it is claimed that they will still be the lowest of any ski area in the state which should be a factor in attracting business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. All members enjoyed a fine meal furnished by the Area Commission after which the Delegation met in executive session at 5:15 p.m. at which time the Chairman, Representative Urie, reviewed the setting up of the Area Commission. The gavel was turned over to Rep. Normandin in order that Rep. Urie might be recognized. He then moved that "this convention go on record as recommending a bond issue not exceeding $240,000"—seconded by Rep. Lord who stated that the Area Commission had turned out better than she had anticipated, and that she was glad to second the motion. Rep. Rollins stated that in order to keep ahead, the Belknap Area must expand its facilities and will have to spend money in order to keep its position and that he will vote in favor because he believes the Commission had exhibited faithfulness of its duties and that he has complete confidence in the Commission.

Rep. Robertson stated that he wished to emphasize that the money to be spent will not come out of the taxpayers and that the present budget was very conservative.

On a roll call vote the members of the Delegation present were unanimously in favor of Rep. Urie's motion.

Rep. O'Shan asked whether the matter of purchasing additional land at the Court House in Laconia could be taken up at this meeting. Chairman Urie stated that the meeting was not called for that purpose, but if there was no objection, Rep. Oscar Prescott could give the report, he having been chairman of a special committee with members Watson and Dulac.

Rep. Normandin again took the gavel at the request of Chairman Urie. Rep. Prescott reported that the value of the property to the county was only as a parking area; that it was 100 x 50 feet and would provide additional parking space for an additional 20 to 25 cars. The lawyers in Laconia were in favor of buying it and that it was a valuable piece of property. He stated that there are at least two other parties interested in purchasing the property and the members of

the special committee were in favor of the purchase. Rep. Smith said that Attorney F. E. Normandin, attorney of the estate of the owners of the property, would like a decision as soon as possible because of the interest of the other parties.

Rep. Watson moved that "the Ruel property which we understand can be purchased for $6,000 be purchased by the county for that sum." Seconded by Rep. Dulac. On a voice vote the Delegation present were unanimously in favor of the motion with the exception of Rep. Normandin who asked to be excused from voting.

BELKNAP COUNTY BUDGET 1961

Salaries of:	
Commissioners	$ 4,500.00
Treasurer	500.00
Auditors	200.00
Attorney	2,000.00
Medical Referee	600.00
Autopsies	800.00
Sheriff	1,500.00
Expenses of:	
County Officers	2,500.00
Register of Deeds	2,146.00
Register of Probate	1,775.00
Register of Probate (forms)	500.00
Care & Supplies, Court House	8,500.00
Superior Court:	
Books & Printing	1,500.00
Permanent Records	2,500.00
Jury Payrolls	5,000.00
State vs.—Payrolls	2,500.00
Referees & Masters	500.00
Counsel Fees	800.00
Stenographer etc.	4,000.00
Clerk of Court	11,000.00
Clerk of Court (special)	500.00
Sheriff	12,500.00
Public Welfare:	
County Home	150,000.00

Support of Poor off Farm	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	19,000.00
Care of Children	18,500.00
Soldiers' Aid	7,000.00
Welfare Administration	3,600.00
Office Expense	7,500.00
Interest:	
Temporary Loans	2,300.00
T-Bar Loans	393.75
New Construction & Equipment:	
Court House: Repairs	1,600.00
New Boiler	4,000.00
County Home: Refrigeration	700.00
Fire Safety	900.00
Indebtedness:	
T-Bar Notes	5,000.00
All Other Payments:	
Extension Service	13,300.00
Airport Authority	2,000.00
Retirement & Social Security	5,300.00
Delegation Expense	2,000.00
Surplus Commodities	3,000.00
Central Radio Comm. System	5,000.00
Total Expenditures	$322,414.75
Estimated Revenue	158,993.86
To be raised by Taxation	$163,420.89

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

In accordance with the Public Statutes of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners of Belknap County herewith submit the annual report of the Commissioners along with the Treasurer, Superintendent and Matron of the County Home and House of Correction, Clerk of Superior Court, County Attorney, Chaplain, Sheriff, Auditors and County Extension Service for the year ending December 31, 1961.

COURT HOUSE

During 1961 your Commissioners with the cooperation of the Delegation have made many improvements in the building. After serving well for many years, the old coal fired burner had to be replaced with an oil fired unit. Also in the basement, we now have a lawyers' reference library and twenty-four new folding chairs for use by the Court. As one enters the building, they will notice the hall has taken on a "new look" with plastic tile flooring. These are only a few improvements which have been made and there have been many more, such as, new aluminum doors, fire extinguishers, urinals, and a sanitary deodorizing system installed in every rest room.

COUNTY HOME AND INFIRMARY

We have been faced with many new problems, such as, trying to raise sufficient amount of produce for the Home and Infirmary on the small piece of land which was left to us after four hundred acres of the farm was sold. Also, in August our fine milking herd had to be placed on the auction block and we are now buying our milk. However, your Commissioners have worked very closely with the Supt. and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rollins to keep the cost of operation at a minimum. Only a few necessary improvements have been made this year such as an exit door to the fire escape on the upper floor, new laundry sink, coffee urn, and minor repairs.

WELFARE

The Board of County Commissioners is pleased to report that for a comparatively small expenditure, 11,695 persons received surplus food commodities for 1961 in Belknap County. Our office continues to supervise this beneficial program and certifies and deliver to all ten towns in the County. The City of Laconia handles and distributes the foods to all eligible State, City, and County cases in Laconia under the Commissioners' Office supervision.

At the present time, the following foods are available to those eligible: cornmeal, white and dark flour, dried eggs and milk, rice, lard, butter, dried beans, peanut butter, rolled oats, and chopped meat. We have had canned pork and gravy in the past year and shall have rolled wheat and cheese added to our available foods in 1962.

The Selectmen in all the towns have given their full cooperation to this program and have provided adequate distributing places in all the towns. A truck and a driver from the County Home is provided to transport and help distribute the commodities.

Our Welfare expenditures were approximately the same as for the previous year with a slight increase in the aid given to Veterans and their families. At Christmas time, toys and clothing were given to 88 children and adults through our office because of the generosity of the Opechee 4-H Club, the Opechee Park Community Club, the Bisson Avenue employees of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., the Belknap County Law Enforcement Association and five interested adults. Our office also made arrangements for 99 persons to receive Christmas Baskets.

The Board of County Commissioners appreciate and wish to thank all County officials and employees for their help and cooperation, also all individuals, and the many clubs and organizations who have contributed to the welfare and happiness of the inmates at the County Home and Infirmary.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN HUBBARD
JOHN G. RUEL
JOSEPH F. SMITH

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

Summary of Findings and Recommendations

September 26, 1961

Board of County Commissioners
Belknap County
Laconia, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 27, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, an examination and audit of the accounts of Belknap County for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1960, has been made by this Division. Submitted herewith is the report of this audit, including Exhibits as hereafter listed. A statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes, covering a ten year period, is presented in Table I.

Scope of Audit

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm.

Financial Statements

Comparative Balance Sheets—December 31, 1959—*December* 31, 1960: (*Exhibit A*)

Comparative Balance Sheets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1959 and December 31, 1960, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the Net Debt increased by $28,499.27 in 1960.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (*Exhibit B*)

An analysis of the change in financial condition during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused

the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Increase in Net Debt		
Net Budget Deficit	$ 6,543.91	
Surplus Used to Reduce County Tax	7,084.57	
Federal Court Judgment—Note Issued	12,732.37	
Increase in Accounts Payable	8,820.29	
		$35,181.14
Decrease in Net Debt		
Increase in Accounts Receivable	$ 1,681.87	
Long Term Notes Paid	5,000.00	
		6,681.87
Net Increase		$28,499.27

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures —Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits C & D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1960, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net overdraft of appropriations of $8,699.27, less a revenue surplus of $2,155.36, resulted in a net budget deficit of $6,543.91.

Summary Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

A summary statement of the receipts and expenditures of the County, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1960, is presented in Exhibit E.

Statement of Capital Reserve Fund and Recreational Area Revolving Fund: (Exhibit G)

A statement showing the activity during the year in the Capital Reserve Fund and the Recreational Area Revolving Fund, is contained in Exhibit G.

Statement of Long Term Indebtedness: (*Exhibit H*)

A statement of outstanding long term indebtedness as of December 31, 1960, showing annual debt service requirements, is included in Exhibit H.

Accounts of Commissioners and Treasurer

All orders issued by the Commissioners and Clerk of the Superior Court during the fiscal year were examined and compared with corresponding entries in the Treasurer's records. Supporting invoices and payrolls were also examined and classification of expenditures noted. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1960, is shown in Exhibit F.

Clerk of the Superior Court

The financial accounts and records of the Clerk of Court of Belknap County were examined. Court receipts were checked by source, insofar as possible, and found to be properly recorded. Court orders issued by the Clerk were supported by invoices, vouchers and payrolls bearing the approval of a Superior Court Justice.

County Farm

The accounts and records of the Superintendent of the County Farm were examined. Receipts of the County Farm were check by source through the triplicate receipts forms. All receipts, as recorded in the cash book, were properly accounted for by the Superintendent through remittances to the County Treasurer.

A classified summary statement of the receipts and expenditures of the County Institution for the year 1960, is presenteed in Exhibit I.

General Comments

Current Surplus—(Deficit):

It is noted that the current financial condition of the County changed from a current surplus (excess of total assets over current liabilities) of $7,134.57 to a current deficit (excess of current liabilities over total assets) of

$13,632.33, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1960, as shown herewith:

	December 31, 1959	December 31, 1960
Total Assets	$44,618.32	$266,761.25
Current Liabilities	37,483.75	280,393.58
Current Surplus or (Deficit)	$ 7,134.57	($13,632.33

This change in the current financial condition of the County during the year, amounting to $20,766.90, was brought about as follows:

Net Budget Deficit	$ 6,543.91
Surplus of 1959 Used to Reduce 1960	
County Tax	7,084.57
Increase in Accounts Payable in Excess of Increase in Accounts Receivable	7,138.42
	$20,766.90

Overdraft of Appropriations and Application of R.S.A., Chapter 24, *Section* 15:

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 1960, there was a net overdraft of appropriations amounting to $8,699.27. In other words, total expenditures exceeded total budgetary appropriations by this amount as indicated herewith:

Overdrafts of Appropriations	$24,632.71
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	15,933.44
Net Overdraft of Appropriations	$ 8,699.27

In accordance with the provisions of R.S.A., Chapter 24, Section 15, the Executive Committee of the Legislative Dele-

gation, at a meeting held on December 27, 1960, at the request of the County Commissioners authorized the excess of expenditures over budgetary appropriations.

Conclusion:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1955, a copy of this report or a summary of its findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) should be published in the next annual report of the County. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the publication of Exhibits is optional.

The appreciation and thanks of this Division is hereby expressed to the officials of Belknap County and their office staffs for the assistance rendered during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,
Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

O. Maurice Oleson, *Auditor*
Dumont W. Bailey, *Accountant*

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

September 26, 1961

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Belknap County Commissioneers, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1960. In our opinion, the Exhibits presented herewith reflect the true financial condition of the County on December 31, 1960, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,
Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

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FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on hand	$117,896.55
Capital Reserve Funds:	
County Home Improvement	224,252.57
Recreation Area Commission	36,949.61
Amount due County Home	12,450.00
Taxes due from Towns	2,501.97
Other Assets:	
County Home Superintendent, petty cash	200.00
Total Assets:	$394,250.70

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by County:	
Social Security, fourth quarter	$ 2,683.74
Tax withholding for December	1,328.80
Bills outstanding	13,442.29
Capital Reserve Funds:	
County Home Improvement	224,252.57
Recreation Area Commission	36,949.61
Temporary Loans Outstanding:	
Notes #280, 281, 282 & 283 Laconia National Bank	145,000.00
Federal Court Judgment	12,732.37
T-Bar Notes outstanding	15,000.00
Total Liabilities	$451,389.08
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (net debt)	$ 57,138.38
Net Debt. December 31, 1961	57,138.38
Net Debt, December 31, 1960	46,158.45
Increase of Debt	$ 10,979.93

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT OF BELKNAP COUNTY

December 31, 1961

T-BAR NOTES, ISSUED FOR PURCHASE AND ERECTION OF T-BAR AT RECREATION AREA SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES

1962—Note No. 8, Peoples National Bank, Laconia	$ 5,000.00
1963—Note No. 9, Laconia National Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1964—Note No. 10, Peoples National Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
TOTAL	$15,000.00

Interest payable November 21 and May 21, 2.25% in arrears.
Principal payable May 21, $5,000.00 annually.

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:	
Land and Buildings:	
(a) Court House	$ 50,000.00
(b) Jail	15,000.00
(c) County Farm	27,400.00
(d) Infirmary	39,000.00
(e) Recreation Area—land value	16,000.00
Furniture and Equipment:	
(a) Court House	15,000.00
(b) Jail	1,850.00
(c) County Farm	9,300.00
(d) Infirmary	20,500.00
TOTAL	$194,050.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

1961

	Budget	Payments	Unexpended	Overdraft	Receipts
Salaries of:					
Commissioners	$4,500.00	$4,508.39		$8.39	
Treasurer	500.00	500.00			
Auditors	200.00	200 00			
Attorney	2,000.00	1,960.00	$40.00		
Medical Referee	600.00	623.20		23.30	
Autopsies	800.00	400.00	400.00		
Sheriff	1,500.00	1,425.45	74.55		
Expenses of:					
County Officers	2,500.00	2,807.91		307.91	
Register of Deeds	2,146.00	2,062.33	83.67		
Register of Probate	1 775.00	1,407.84	367.16		
Register of Probate (forms)	500.00	500.00			
Care & Supplies, Court House	8,500.00	8,498.81	1.19		$260.00
Superior Court:					
Books and Printing	1,500.00	1,234.45	265.55		
Permanent Records	2,500.00	1,741.90	758.10		
Jury Payrolls	5,000.00	9,527.16		4,527.16	
State vs. Payrolls	2,500.00	1,719.31	780.69		
Referees & Masters	500.00	479.76	20.24		
Counsel Fees	800.00	511.79	288.21		
Stenographer, etc.	4,000.00	3,707.12	292.88		
Clerk of Court	11,000.00	7,917.72	3,082.28		75.00
Clerk of Court (special)	500.00	422.50	77.50		
Sheriff	12,500.00	12,001.06	498.94		
Public Welfare:					16,802.70
County Home	150,000.00	180,077.10		30,077.10	131,831.59
Support of Poor off Farm	5,000.00	4,012.72	987.28		366.00

Old Age Assistance	19,000.00	21,283.59		2,283.59	5,068.01
Care of Children	18,500.00	17,743.71	756.29		2,742.11
Soldiers' Aid	7,000.00	7,097.03		97.03	733.81
Welfare Administration	3,600.00	3,463.18	136.82		
Office Expense	7,500.00	7,220.54	279.46		5.40
Interest:					
On Temporary Loans	2,300.00	609.80	1,690.20		
On T-Bar Loans	393.75	168.75	225.00		168.75
New Construction & Equipment:					
Court House:					
Repairs	1,600.00	1,512.83	87.17		20.00
New Boiler	4,000.00	3,551.00	449.00		
County Home:					
Refrigeration	700.00	595.00	105.00		
Fire Safety	900.00	855.00	45.00		
Indebtedness:					
T-Bar Notes	5,000.00		5,000.00		
All Other Payments:					
Extension Service	13,300.00	13,300.00			
Airport Authority	2,000.00	2,000.00			
Retirement & Social Security	5,300.00	6,066.70		766.70	
Delegation Expense	2,000.00	2,072.91		72.91	
Surplus Commodities	3,000.00	1,949.84	1,050.16		91.21
Central Radio Comm. System	5,000.00	365.00	4,635.00		
Total Expenditures	$322,414.75	$338,101.40	$22,477.34	$38,163.99	$158,164.58
				22,477.34	
Estimated Revenue	158,993.86		Net Overdraft	$15,686.65	
					$158,164.58
To Be Raised By Taxation	$163,420.89				

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

CURRENT REVENUE

Taxes from Towns	$160,918.94
Income from Institutions:	
County Farm	16,802.70
County Infirmary	131,831.59
Reimbursement for Support of Poor:	
Old Age Assistance	5,068.01
Direct Relief	366.00
Care of Children	2,742.11
Soldiers' Aid	733.81
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	142,897.14
T-Bar, interest, from Rec. Area Comm.	168.75
All Other Receipts:	
Blue Cross refunds	900.32
Social Security refunds	779.24
Office Rent, cr. Court House	260.00
Surplus Commodities	91.21
Flood Control payments	151.20
Refund, Superior Court	75.00
Office Expense, refund	5.40
Smoke Insurance, Court House	2,245.50
Munsey & Brazil Inc., insurance refund	870.27
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., ins. refund	1,645.76
Gale Insurance Agency, insurance refund	62.44
Retirement System, refunds	62.05
Refund, Court House repair	20.00
Receipts from All Sources	$468,697.44
Cash on hand January 1, 1961	3,630.11
Grand Total	$472,327.55

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	
1. Salaries of:	
(a) Commissioners	$ 4,508.39
(b) Treasurer	500.00
(c) Auditors	200.00
(d) County Attorney	1,960.00
(e) Sheriff	1,425.45
(f) Medical Referee	623.20
(g) Autopsies	400.00
2. Expenses of:	
(a) County Officers	2,807.91
(b) Register of Deeds	2,062.33
(c) Register of Probate	1,407.84
3. Care and Supplies, Court House	8,498.81
SUPERIOR COURT:	
4. Books and Printing	1,234.45
5. Permanent Records	1,741.90
6. Jury Payrolls	9,527.16
7. State vs. Payrolls	1,719.31
8. Referees and Masters	479.76
9. Counsel Fees	511.79
10. Stenographer, etc.	3,707.12
11. Clerk of Court	7,917.72
12. Sheriff	12,001.06
13. Special, Superior Court	422.50
PUBLIC WELFARE:	
14. County Home	180,077.10
15. Support of Poor off Farm	4,012.72
16. Old Age Assistance	21,283.59
17. Care of Children	17,743.71

18. Soldiers' Aid	7,097.03
19. Relief Administration	3,463.18
20. Office Expense	7,220.54
Total Current Maintenance Expense:	$304,554.57
INTEREST:	
21. Paid on T-Bar Notes	168.75
22. Paid on Federal Court Order	609.80
Total Interest Payments	778.55
INDEBTEDNESS:	
23. Paid on Temporary Loans	9,000.00
OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT:	
24. Court House, new boiler	3,551.00
25. Court House, repairs	1,512.83
26. Fire Protection, County Home	855.00
27. Refrigeration, County Home	595.00
28. Register of Probate, new forms	500.00
29. Fire Control Tower	365.00
Total Outlay Payments:	7,378.83
ALL OTHER PAYMENTS:	
30. Extension Service	13,300.00
31. Recreation Area, insurance	3,651.68
32. Delegation, Expense	2,072.91
33. Retirement System, County share	452.86
34. Retirement System, non payroll	74.46
35. Social Security, County	4,849.29
36. Social Security, non payroll	847.36
37. Social Security, Administration costs	21.97
38. Airport Authority	2,000.00
39. Court House—painting	2,445.50

40. Surplus Commodities	1,949.84
41. Blue Cross, refunded	901.96
42. Flood Control—payments	151.20
43. Tax refunds	.02
Total Payments for All Purposes	$354,431.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1961	117,896.55
GRAND TOTAL:	$472,327.55

RECEIPTS

COUNTY — TAXES

Alton	*	$ 16,126.38
Barnstead	#	2,501.98
Belmont	*	5,301.38
Center Harbor		3,654.09
Gilford		18,731.30
Gilmanton		4,240.77
Laconia		71,627.38
Meredith		20,156.33
New Hampton		5,695.22
Sanbornton		4,075.72
Tilton		8,808.39
TOTAL		$160,918.94

* Alton and Belmont, overpaid 1 cent each, refunded.

\# Barnstead, December installment paid Jan. 3, 1962.

INCOME FROM INSTITUTIONS

County Home	
Farm	$ 16,802.70
Infirmary	131,831.59
Total:	148,634.29

REIMBURSEMENT, SUPPORT OF POOR

Town of Northfield, reimbursement	45.00
Probation Department, reimbursement	132.00
Treasurer of U. S. (Social Security payments)	189.00
Totals:	366.00

REIMBURSEMENT, SOLDIERS' AID

Hillsborough County, reimbursement	514.95
Town of Gilmanton, reimbursement	208.86
Personal refunds	10.00
Total:	733.81

REIMBURSEMENT, CARE OF CHILDREN

Probation Department, reimbursement	230.00
Welfare Department, reimbursement	2,179.11
Personal refunds	333.00
Total:	2,742.11

REIMBURSEMENT, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Infirmary refunds	4,541.65
Check #11148, voided	148.50
Treasurer of N. H., refunds	377.86
Total:	5,068.01

RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE
RECREATION AREA COMMISSION

Insurance adjustments:	
Munsey & Brazil, Inc., refund	$ 870.27
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., refund	1,645.76
Gale Insurance Agency, refund	62.44
T-Bar Notes, interest	168.75
Total	$2,747.22

TEMPORARY LOANS

Date issued:	Date due:
January 13, 1961	December 30, 1961
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H., Note #280, $40,000.00, interest 2.25%, discount $865.46	39,134.54
February 20, 1961	December 30, 1961
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H., Notes Nos. 281 & 282, $40,000.00 each, interest 1.75%, discount $1200.55	78,799.45
December 26, 1961	January 26, 1962
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H., Note #283, $25,000.00, interest 1.75%, discount $36.85	24,963.15
Total:	142,897.14

INSURANCE, COURT HOUSE

Smoke damage	2,245.50

ALL OTHER RECEIPTS

Blue Cross, refunded	900.32
Social Security, refunded	779.24

Office Rent, cr. Court House	260.00
Superior Court, refund	50.00
Office Expense, stamps, etc.	5.40
Retirement System, refunds	62.05
Refund, cr. Court House repair	20.00
Flood Control payments, Treas. of N. H.	151.20
Surplus Commodities, refunds	91.21
Total:	2,319.43

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Commissioners:	
Joseph F. Smith	1,505.09
Norman Hubbard	1,500.00
John G. Ruel	1,476.05
William S. Stafford, 1960 adjustments, Social Security, $11.25; withholding, $16.00	27.25
Treasurer:	
Byron O. Parker	500.00
Auditors:	
Dana S. Beane	100.00
Robert G. Holbrook	100.00
County Attorney:	
Richard P. Brouillard	1,945.00
James D. O'Neill, 1960 adjustment, Social Security, 4th quarter	15.00

Sheriff:	
Rodney S. Crockett	1,425.45
Medical Referee:	
Dr. Earl J. Gage	613.20
Dr. R. F. Dewitt	10.00
Autopsies:	
Dr. N. G. B. McLetchie	400.00
Total:	9,617.04

EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Joseph F. Smith	118.24
Norman Hubbard	96.70
John G. Ruel	44.58
H. D. Adams, expense County Officers meeting	34.45
Am. Public Welfare Association, dues	30.00
G. S. Copp, delivering County Reports	5.92
G. U. Horne Agency, Treasurer's bonds	566.25
Howell Printing & Duplicating, County Reports	548.73
Jewett Agency, sheriff's bonds	518.00
L. & L. Engraving Co., desk plates	7.50
McGrath Agency, bonds	25.00
Melcher & Prescott Agency, bonds	25.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	336.85
H. O. Pierce, Association dues	15.00
Postmaster, envelopes for Treasurer	24.80
State Tax Commission, audit	387.29

F. L. Tower Co., N. H. Register	20.60
H. W. Wright, Association dues	3.00
Total:	$2,807.91

COURT HOUSE EXPENSE

Acme Chemical Co., supplies	19.50
Atlas Products Co., supplies	6.05
R. H. Batchelder, spraying	20.00
C. C. Bickford, chair repair	14.00
Boulia Gorrell Lumber Co., supplies	243.79
R. F. Bragdon Paint Co., supplies	76.58
H. Chadwick, supplies	13.32
C. B. Dolge Co., supplies	20.30
Peter Dutile Co., fuel	934.80
Gale Insurance Agency, insurance	1,044.41
Goodwin Paper Co., supplies	91.05
F. J. Hartin, fire extinguishers	90.00
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., wkm. comp.	165.24
Hayward's, supplies	283.42
G. T. Johnson Co., supplies	51.25
Laconia Construction Co., snow removal	90.00
Laconia Furniture Co., supplies	8.25
Luxor Lighting Products Co., supplies	81.09
Munsey & Brazil, Inc., public liability	238.69
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co., repairs	75.05
Page Roofing Co., snow removal	14.00
Public Service Co., lights	731.01

G. B. Robbins Disinfecting Co., supplies	117.36
Rochester Disinfecting Co., supplies	20.00
Rochester Germicide Co., service	84.00
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	4.75
Salaries, janitor	3,788.96
R. F. Shelley, Collector, water and sewer bills	123.94
F. M. Shurbert, trucking	48.00
Total:	8,498.81

REGISTER OF DEEDS

R. A. Foss, printing	70.00
Howell Printing, Service, envelopes	19.80
I. B. M. Corporation, typewriter and service	285.49
Laconia Office Machine Co., typewriter repair	37.80
Carl Larson & Son, record book sheets	445.07
Lerman Press, printing	315.70
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	7.80
Meredith News, printing	37.25
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	193.30
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies and record sheets	650.12
Total:	2,062.33

REGISTER OF PROBATE

H. Aiken, stamps	20.00
American Photo Equipment Co., supplies	58.80
Boston Law Book Co., N. H. Digest	21.00

Kee Lox Mfg. Co., supplies	49.98
Carl Larson & Son, printing	128.18
Lerman Press, printing	45.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	229.45
Postmaster, stamps	135.00
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., adder and supplies	322.90
Ted's Printing Service, printing	390.60
Terminal Stationery Co., supplies	6.93
Total:	1,407.84

SUPERIOR COURT

BOOKS AND PRINTING

Books:

Boston Law Book Co., Words & Phrases	208.00
Equity Publishing Corp., N.H.R.S.A.	36.00
Lawyers' Coop. Printing Service, AM Jur. '61	79.20
Little Brown Co., Wigmore #8	20.00
Secretary of State, 1961 Sessions Laws	4.00
F. P. Shepard Co., Shepard's Citations	20.00
R. L. Stark, Sec., Commercial Codes	24.00
G. O. Shovan, Supreme Court Opinions	25.00
F. L. Tower Co., N. H. Register	20.60
Wright & Potter Printing Co., Mass. Reports	10.80

Printing:

Lerman Press, printing	77.95
R. H. Llewellyn Co., Inc., printing	75.00

Phaneuf Press, printing	49.60
Ted's Printing Service, printing	584.30
Total:	1,234.45

PERMANENT RECORDS

R. P. Tilton, typist's salaries	1,659.80
Hall & McChesney, Inc., record books	82.10
Total:	1,741.90

JURY PAYROLLS

Petit Jury:	
March Term	3,573.22
October Term	2,576.68
Grand Jury:	
March Term	475.28
October Term	2,919.98
Total:	9,527.16

STATE vs. PAYROLLS

State vs. Avery	81.00
Ayotte	35.60
Buczinski	33.20
Duncan	86.50
Fielders	80.00
Lynn	81.00
McClary	30.60
Quimby	81.00

Richardson	100.00
Tondreau	81.00
State vs. Miscellaneous	
County Attorney's expense	1,029.41
Total:	**1,719.31**

REFEREES AND MASTERS

L. C. Hardwick, Master's fees	172.61
R. P. Tilton, Master's fees	307.15
Total:	479.76

COUNSEL FEES

G. J. Falardeau, counsel fees	150.00
P. Makris, counsel fees	50.00
Nighswander, Lord & Bownes, counsel fees	80.60
Normandin & Normandin, counsel fees	106.19
F. E. St. Cyr, counsel fees	125.00
Total:	511.79

STENOGRAPHER, ETC.

F. M. Doherty, stenographer's fees	427.25
L. T. Harbour, stenographer's fees	83.36
E. L. McDonough, stenographer's fees	12.75
P. A. Sheehan, stenographer's fees	738.96
Treas. of N.H., typewriter for Court Stenographer	220.00
Treasurer of N.H., stenographers' salaries	2,224.80
Total:	3,707.12

CLERK OF COURT

American Photo Copy Equipment Co., supplies	12.90
Boulia Gorrell Lumber Co., supplies	67.28
I. B. M. Corporation, service & supplies	126.00
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	4.20
A. E. Martell Co., supplies	57.57
Melcher & Prescott Agency, bonds	100.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	490.55
Postmaster, postage	98.00
C. O. Randall, assignment of justices	9.00
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies & service	155.17
Terminal Stationery Co., supplies	7.14
R. P. Tilton, clerk's account	6,742.91
R. P. Tilton, expenses	47.00
Total:	7,917.72

SHERIFF

R. S. Crockett, court attendance	965.60
D. C. Alden, court attendance	400.00
P. A. Beach, court attendance	107.10
C. C. Bickford, court attendance	180.00
G. A. Poire, court attendance	491.00
Eastern Fire Equipment Co., repair equipment	1.59
Evans Radio, radio service	6.96
Laconia Hospital, a/c G. A. Poire	22.00
Maher's Bookstore, typewriter repair	9.35
Meredith Motor Co., car repair	22.75

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	412.30
Police & Sheriff Association of N. A., directory	5.45
R. C. Ruggles, radio repair	12.65
Ted's Printing Service, printing	242.36
G. A. Thompson, printing	13.00
M. L. Tibbetts, wiring	21.05
Sheriffs' Expense & Travel:	
R. S. Crockett	5,434.95
D. C. Alden	1,354.50
P. A. Beach	38.10
C. C. Bickford	309.40
H. E. Howe	513.90
S. J. Morin	68.50
G. A. Poire	1,368.55
Total:	$12,001.06

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES

(See Report of Superintendent of County Home)

Commissioners' orders drawn and paid by the Treasurer, January 1 — December 31, 1961

Total: $180,077.10

PUBLIC WELFARE

	Poor Off Farm	Soldiers' Aid
Barnstead		$ 70.00
Belmont		463.55
Center Harbor		310.11
Gilford	29.99	

Gilmanton		35.00
Laconia	3,526.36	5,125.45
Meredith	395.00	701.09
New Hampton	61.37	
Sanbornton		299.95
Tilton		91.88
Total:	$4,012.72	$7,097.03

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

County Payments	$21,283.59

CARE OF CHILDREN

County Payments	$17,743.71

RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries	3,111.30
Expense and travel	348.88
N. H. Social Welfare Council, 1961 dues	3.00
Total:	$ 3,463.18

OFFICE EXPENSE

Salaries:	
Bookkeeper	$3,869.86
Clerk, typist	2,589.50
H. Aiken, stamps	76.00
Burroughs Corporation, service	52.15

R. A. Foss, envelopes	21.00
Lerman Press, printing	181.75
A. E. Martell Co., cash book sheets	79.71
Postmaster, envelopes & stamps	191.20
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., filing cab. & supplies	155.87
State Planning & Development Comm. directories	1.00
Treasurer of N. H., wall maps	2.50
Total:	$7,220.54

INTEREST

Paid on T-Bar Notes:	
Peoples National Bank, Laconia, N. H., Notes #8 and #10	$ 112.50
Laconia National Bank, Laconia N. H., Note #9	56.25
Total:	$ 168.75
Paid on Federal Court Order, a/c accident at Recreation Area:	
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Assn.	$ 609.80

INDEBTEDNESS

Paid on Temporary Loans:	
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H., Note #279	9,000.00

ALL OTHER PAYMENTS

DELEGATION EXPENSE

Mileage and attendance:

Alton, Arthur S. Rollins	50.40
Barnstead, Arthur H. McAllister	72.00
Belmont, Lyle N. Watson	42.00
Center Harbor, L. Keith Matheson	32.00
Gilford, Marion M. Lord	30.40
Gilmanton, William T. Robertson	42.00
Meredith, Stuart B. Allan	37.80
Joseph F. Smith	43.20
New Hampton, H. Thomas Urie	50.40
Sanbornton, Olin A. Joslyn	38.00
Tilton, Herbert E. Howe	30.00
Laconia:	
Ward 1 Rene C. Lacaillade	25.60
Walter D. McCarthy	22.40
2 Walter A. Harkins	52.40
Paul L. Normandin	22.40
3 Ellis J. Ayre	25.60
4 Oscar C. Prescott	45.20
Frederick B. Stothart	25.60
5 Lucien R. Dulac	25.60
David O'Shan	38.40
6 Charles K. Jones	17.00
Donald W. MacIsaac	30.60
Other expense:	
Dana S. Beane, Jr., budget audit	650.00
Citizen Publishing Co., ads for hearings	63.40
Management Services, Inc., secretarial service	560.51
Total:	$ 2,072.91

Extension Service, appropriation	13,300.00
Retirement System:	
County Share	452.86
Non payroll (refunded)	74.46
Total:	$ 527.32
Social Security:	
County share	4,849.29
Administration costs	21.97
Non payroll	847.36
Total:	$ 5,718.62
Recreation Area Commission:	
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., workmen's compensation	2,107.25
Munsey & Brazil, Inc., public liability	870.27
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., added premium	674.16
Total:	$ 3,651.68
Flood Control Payments:	
Town of Sanbornton	$ 84.32
Town of New Hampton	66.88
Total:	151.20

Surplus Commodities:	
Paid Treasurer of N. H.	$ 1,745.98
Blue Cross, paid & refunded	901.96
Airport Authority, appropriation	2,000.00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Court House Painting:	
Paid from smoke insurance refund:	
E. H. Stockbridge, contract	2,445.50
County Home:	
Fire Protection:	
M. L. Tibbetts, connecting fire alarm to sprinkler system	560.00
Guay & Tardiff Co., fire door	295.00
Total:	$ 855.00
Refrigeration:	
H. D. Hayner, stove & refrigerator	300.00
Dutile Refrigeration Co., Copeland Cond. unit	295.00
Total:	595.00
Register of Probate, new forms:	
Ted's Printing Service, printing	500.00
Clerk of Court:	
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., chairs and table for jury room	422.50

Court House Repair:	
S. F. Baker, repair fire door	15.88
Citizen Publishing Co., ads for bids	32.50
Dutile Heating Service, water heater	149.00
Guay & Tardiff Co., partition, Probation Office	299.00
Lakes Region Flooring Co., asbestos tile	550.00
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co., new plumbing & repairs	312.70
Page Roofing Co., combination doors	120.00
M. L. Tibbetts & Son, light fixtures	33.75
Total:	$ 1,512.83
New Boiler, Court House:	
Dutile Heating Service, boiler installed	3,551.00
Fire Control Tower:	
Leon Perry, aerial photos	15.00
City of Laconia, wire	350.00
Totals:	365.00
Tax Refunds:	
Alton, overpaid 1 cent, refunded	.01
Belmont, overpaid one cent, refunded	.01
Total:	.02

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
for Belknap County:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Belknap for the twelve months ending Dec. 31, 1961.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1961	$ 3,630.11
# Taxes from Towns	160,918.94
Income from Institutions, County Home	148,634.29
Reimbursements:	
Old Age Assistance	5,068.01
Direct Relief	366.00
Care of Children	2,742.11
Soldiers' Aid	733.81
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	142,897.14
Insurance adjustments:	
a/c Recreation Area Commission	2,578.47
T-Bar Interest, refunded	168.75
All Other Receipts:	
Smoke Insurance, Court House	2,245.50
Blue Cross refunds	900.32
Social Security refunds	779.24
Office Rent, cr. Court House	260.00
Surplus Commodities	91.21
Flood Control Payments	151.20
Refunds, Superior Court	75.00
Miscellaneous	87.45
Total:	$472,327.55

Towns of Alton & Belmont, overpayment of County Tax, 2 cents (refunded)

PAYMENTS

Paid on Commissioners' Orders	$305,389.68
Paid on Temporary Loans	9,000.00
Paid Interest on T-Bar Notes	168.75
Paid Interest on Federal Court Order Loan	609.80
Paid by Order of the Court:	
Books and Printing	1,234.45
Permanent Records	1,741.90
Jury Payrolls	9,527.16
State vs. Payrolls	1,719.31
Referees and Masters	479.76
Counsel Fees	511.79
Stenographer, etc.	3,707.12
Clerk of Court	7,917.72
Sheriff and Deputies	12,001.06
Special, Superior Court	422.50
Total Payments	$354,431.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1961	117,896.55
Grand Total	$472,327.55

Respectfully submitted,

BYRON O. PARKER,
Treasurer

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
COUNTY OF BELKNAP
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1961

Bank	1960 Balance	Interest	Withdrawals	1961 Balance
Laconia Savings	$44,197.83	$1,485.01		$45,682.84
City Savings	38,554.41	1,459.32		40,013.73
*Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Assn.	50,312.50	1,904.42		52,216.92
†Lakeport National	25,000.00	717.57		25,717.57
Meredith Village Savings	40,250.00	1,626.10		41,876.10
Iona Savings	18,083.98	661.43		18,745.41
TOTAL				$224,252.57

*—Passbook pledged for Loan of $12,732.37 for payment of shortage on claim for Accident at Belknap Recreational Area as Authorized by Belknap County Delegation.

†—Certificates of Deposit Maturing April 1, 1962

BELKNAP MOUNTAIN RECREATIONAL AREA COMMISSION

Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Assn.	$10,306.36	390.12		$10,696.48
*Laconia Savings	10,327.50	346.99	$10,000.00	674.49
*City Savings	14,460.56	547.34	10,000.00	5,007.90
Meredith Village Savings	**10,000.00	369.99		10,369.99
†Lakeport National	**10,000.00	200.75		10,200.75
TOTAL				$36,949.61

*—Withdrawals per authorty of Commission for Operating capital.

**—Deposits Made in February, 1961.

†—Certificates of Deposit Maturing April 1, 1962.

January 22, 1962

COUNTY OF BELKNAP
BY: BYRON O. PARKER
Treasurer

COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1961

BELKNAP COUNTY

COUNTY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand—January 1, 1961	$ 3,630.11	
Receipts—Year Ending December 31, 1961	468,697.44	
	$472,327.55	
Payments—Year Ending December 31, 1961	$354,431.00	
Balance—Dec. 31, 1961—As Per Cash Book		$117,896.55
Balance in Laconia National Bank as Per Statement of 12/31/61	$120,416.61	
Less: Outstanding Orders	$ 2,520.06	
Reconciled Bank Balance— As of December 31, 1961		$117,896.55

COUNTY FARM SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT

Total Amount of Receipts From Institution— Year Ending December 31, 1961	$153,175.94
Total Remittances to County Treasurer— Year Ending December 31, 1961	$153,175.94
Superintendent's Balance on Hand— January 1, 1961	$ 200.00

Superintendent's Balance on Hand— December 31, 1961	$ 200.00

INDEBTEDNESS — DECEMBER 31, 1961

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	$145,000.00
Outstanding Long Term Notes	$ 15,000.00
Outstanding Bonds	$ None
Bills Owed by County	$ 13,442.29

COUNTY TAXES UNCOLLECTED — DECEMBER 31, 1961

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	$ 2,501.97

Signed DANA S. BEANE

ROBERT G. HOLBROOK
County Auditors

Date January 24, 1962

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

The past year has seen several developments that materially affect the operation of the Home and have important consequences with regard to the budget. Inasmuch as this is a matter of public interest, it would seem advisable to inquire into the causes.

The infirmary continues to operate at nearly peak capacity, the daily average for the year being 74.4 patients; somewhat higher than for the preceding year. There has been a noticeable decline in the number of fully ambulatory patients however, and it was apparent quite early in the year that if standards of care desirable in a nursing home were to be maintained that an increase in the size of the nursing staff would be necessary. Moreover, changes were made to insure closer supervision and stricter medication control. This is naturally reflected in greater payroll cost.

Secondly, the further retrenchment in farming operations occasioned by sale of the dairy herd is making itself felt. While the gross farm income this year compares favorably with that of 1960, in fact, being 14% higher, than the latter, it is nonetheless true that the loss of revenue from the sale of surplus milk, coupled with the present necessity of purchasing milk to meet the needs of the Home has already resulted in a transfer of nearly $2,000 from one side of the ledger to the other and, of course implies need of a $12,000 per annum increase in the budget to offset this loss.

Outside of the vegetable garden, the only crop raised this past year was the potato crop. This turned out very well and will provide a small surplus for sale. Enough young stock is being raised to meet most of our beef needs this coming year. The piggery is still being maintained and we expect to have more litters this coming spring than in previous years. About half of the orchard has been cut down and will probably be eliminated altogether to make way for the new infirmary.

A third point in the discussion of the Home's economy is the question of labor. The steady reduction in the size of the available labor force here at the Home has necessitated making additions to the paid personnel. Past experience has shown that there is an optimum size for this force. An excess results in an increase in county subsistence costs without compensatory valuable labor return. On the other hand, a deficiency results in a still worse situation. Inasmuch as the present force is only about 60% of the optimum for this season of the year, there is an adverse effect on the Home's economy representing an estimated 10% increase in payroll cost. These estimates are based on the 1960 figure.

The final point to be considered regarding costs is the considerable increase in the maintenance and equipment requirements of the Home. New equipment consisting of beds, mattresses, bureaus, wheelchairs and bed-screens was purchased to continue the modernization program of the infirmary. The redecoration program at the Home has also been very extensive; the jail has been repainted, nearly all of the men's ward has been repainted and several of the floors re-covereed with new linoleums, the same is true of both the men's and women's quarters in the west wing. New closets have been built in various parts of the building for the convenience of both patients and employees. Im-

provements have been effected in the main kitchen storeroom, the east wing recreation room and the men's ward bathrooms.

In closing this section of the report, we would like to note that the obsolescence of much of our equipment has caused a sharp increase in the cost of repairs.

We would like to mention two innovations at the Home that we feel are enjoyed by patients and visitors alike. One is the monthly birthday party which from a small beginning has grown to be an important event. The second item is the board mounted just inside the main entrance to the Home on which are mounted pictures to portray various activities of interest to the public.

In closing we wish to express, as in past years, our gratitude and appreciation to one and all who have in any way contributed to the welfare of the Home.

To the Board of Commissioners and the members of the County Delegation for their continued interest in the many problems incident to its operation.

To our patients' medical advisers, whose directives we realize often had to be obtained at inconvenient times.

To our Chaplains for their interest in the spiritual welfare of our patients and prisoners alike.

To the members of the Altrusa Club and the County Home Auxiliary for their time and effort.

To all members of the various law enforcement agencies, with whom we have had to deal, for assistance and advice.

To the pharmacies and funeral homes for their prompt and courteous service.

To all individuals and organizations who have furnished entertainment, favors and gifts.

Finally we wish to thank all our employees for the splendid cooperation we have received during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CARL ROLLINS,
Superintendent

BESSIE T. ROLLINS,
Matron

COUNTY HOME RECEIPTS

Date	Board	Swine	Milk	Cattle	Misc.	Total
January	$12,303.72		$768.12		$83.70	$13,155.54
February	10,909.11		872.26	$30.00	168.57	11,979.94
March	9,784.81		761.00	28.00	64.45	10,638.26
April	10,680.61		1,027.65		258.54	11,966.80
May	11,965.63	$376.00	756.33		83.38	13,181.34
June	11,996.07	113.00	837.44		166.29	13,112.80
July	10,552.31		822.07	176.50	49.55	11,600.43
August	12,420.36		926.53	8,173.35	189.58	21,711.82
September	9,342.15		882.45		100.84	10,325.44
October	11,502.61				144.05	11,646.66
November	12,199.59			250.00	47.00	12,496.59
December	11,133.24				227.08	11,360.32
TOTAL	$134,790.21	$489.00	$7,653.85	$8,659.85	$1,583.03	$153,175.94

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES
JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Date	Labor	Total
January	$55.60	$55.60
February	124.60	124.60
March	124.60	124.60
April	140.80	140.80
May	124.60	124.60
June	124.60	124.60
July	134.80	134.80
August	124.60	124.60
September	124.60	124.60
October	196.40	196.40
November	69.00	69.00
December	124.60	124.60
TOTAL	$1,468.80	$1,468.80

FARMING

Date	Labor	Seed and Fertilizer	Supplies	Other Expense	Total
January	$386.40		$238.67	$118.17	$743.24
February	341.80		382.08	513.81	1,237.69
March	326.80		187.54	149.03	663.37
April	373.80		159.06	146.77	679.63
May	301.47		284.74	60.21	646.42
June	303.75	$234.29	314.65	291.21	1,143.90
July	493.57	26.14	285.39	808.41	1,613.51
August	365.76		218.05	151.53	735.34
September	361.15		307.40	59.63	728.18
October	574.77		150.48	83.27	808.52
November	179.30		448.92	60.13	688.35
December	441.70				441.70
TOTALS	$4,450.27	$260.43	$2,976.98	$2,442.17	$10,129.85

DAIRY

Date	Labor	Feed	Supplies	Other Expenses	Total
January	$271.74	$512.57	$87.36	$60.32	$931.99
February	239.50	1,124.16	57.26	53.45	1,474.37
March	192.50	325.02	11.74	56.90	586.16
April	244.81	601.29	14.38	42.45	902.93
May	192.50	647.01		20.42	859.93
June	192.51	592.16	1.98	10.00	796.65
July	215.00	277.98	7.38	44.84	545.20
August	192.50	304.16	2.95		499.61
September	192.50	526.90	1.80	100.97	822.17
October	305.95	79.09			385.04
November	119.15	71.40		65.50	256.05
December					
TOTALS	$2,358.66	$5,061.74	$184.85	$454.85	$8,060.10

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Date	Labor	Provisions	Clothing	Supplies	Health	Additions & Repairs	Fuel, Light Water & Power	Fixed Charges	Other Expenses	Total
January	$7,757.41	$1,451.66	$97.80	$936.45	$722.55	$48.58	$601.60	$1,076.00	$177.62	$12,869.67
February	6,689.55	2,611.11	184.35	2,137.24	909.69	188.67	1,561.33	630.61	184.14	15,096.69
March	6,318.11	1,069.85	18.32	1,253.61	656.81	369.57	621.56	334.63	94.73	10,737.19
April	7,582.20	1,751.23	102.11	812.83	767.27	37.25	1,799.08	42.73	99.17	12,993.87
May	7,256.22	1,015.97	82.71	995.69	567.60	336.87	1,665.31	733.82	91.23	12,745.82
June	8,251.57	1,420.49	35.68	963.55	584.20	213.43	522.53		114.37	12,375.82
July	9,043.31	1,596.00	86.03	1,555.83	827.53	126.94	344.16		162.47	13,742.27
August	8,172.03	950.81	15.98	1,105.51	2,132.45		758.49		94.62	13,229.89
September	8,215.85	1,805.12	18.48	1,769.32	791.25	178.91	1,176.44		110.22	14,065.59
October	13,281.05	1,812.40	61.60	1,342.76	1,386.43	116.59	736.88	4,972.40	127.22	23,837.33
November	5,372.30	1,935.80	43.65	1,449.55	771.03	7.99	469.36		102.39	10,152.07
December	8,413.38				6.00			119.68	33.48	8,572.54
TOTALS	$96,352.98	$17,420.44	$746.71	$14,322.34	$10,392.81	$1,624.80	$10,256.74	$7,909.87	$1,391.66	$160,418.35

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES
SUMMARY

Date	Jail & House of Correction	Farming	Dairy	Operation & Maintenance	Total
January	$55.60	$743.24	$931.99	$12,869.67	$14,600.50
February	124.60	1,237.69	1,474.37	15,096.69	17,933.35
March	124.60	663.37	586.16	10,737.19	12,111.32
April	140.80	679.63	902.93	12,993.87	14,717.23
May	124.60	646.42	859.93	12,745.42	14,376.37
June	134.80	1,143.90	796.65	12,375.82	14,440.97
July	124.60	1,613.51	545.20	13,742.27	16,035.78
August	124.60	735.34	499.61	13,229.89	14,589.44
September	196.40	728.18	822.17	14,065.59	15,740.54
October	69.00	808.52	385.04	23,837.33	25,227.29
November	124.60	688.35	256.05	10,152.07	11,165.47
December		441.70		8,572.54	9,138.84
TOTALS	$1,468.80	$10,129.85	$8,060.10	$160,418.35	$180,077.10

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

INVENTORY — 1961

Livestock	$ 4,360.00
House of Correction	650.00
Jail Equipment	1,300.00
County Infirmary:	
Medical Supplies	1,700.00
Equipment	18,000.00
Women's Dormitories	4,500.00
Men's Dormitories	5,000.00
Two Kitchens (Equipment & Supplies)	15,000.00
Clothing & Linen Stock	2,700.00
Contents of Freezer Locker	4,800.00
Contents of Basement Store-room	3,500.00
Farm Equipment	8,500.00
Feedstuffs	2,300.00
Boiler Room Contents	4,500.00
Coal on hand	500.00
Potatoes	1,200.00
Vegetables	1,400.00
Lumber	350.00
	$80,260.00

CROP REPORT — 1961

Beans (shell)	20 Bu.
Beans (string)	40 Bu.
Beets	35 Bu.
Cabbage	200 Hds.
Carrots	20 Bu.
Corn	50 Bu.
Cucumbers	5 Bu.
Greens	80 Bu.
Peas	10 Bu.
Potatoes	619 Bu.
Raspberries	85 Qts.
Tomatoes	25 Bu.
Turnips	30 Bu.
Beef Dressed	7,580 Lbs.
Pork Dressed	4,756 Lbs.
Milk Used at Home Jan. 1 to Sept. 1	23,000 Qts.
Wood used at Home	30 Cords
Wood sawed and piled	20 Cords
Hay	80 Tons

LIVESTOCK AT FARM — 1961

12 Yearlings	$1500.00
11 Steers	1100.00
3 Bulls	360.00
2 Horses	550.00
10 Sows	1045.00
1 Boar	80.00
	$4635.00

STATISTICS OF BELKNAP COUNTY HOME
1961

Patients at Home January 1, 1961	70
Admitted during year	33
	103
Patients at Home December 31, 1961	76
Died during year	6
Discharged during year	21
	103
Prisoners in Jail January 1, 1961	0
Admitted during year	16
	16
Prisoners in Jail December 31, 1961	4
Discharged during year	12
	16
Prisoners in House of Correction January 1, 1961	14
Admitted during year	52
	66
Prisoners in House of Correction December 31, 1961	7
Discharged during year	59
	66

NUMBER OF WEEK'S BOARD FURNISHED
From January 1 to December 31, 1961

	Weeks	Days
Patients	3879	2
Prisoners in House of Correction	563	5
Prisoners in Jail	72	2
Held for U.S. Gov. and Police	14	4
Employees and visitors	984	—

PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION — 1961

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Adkins, Norman	27	—	2
Ahern, Edward	42	2	6
Angers, Wallace Jr.	19	11	6
Archambeault, Richard	19	2	6
Ayotte, Milton	26	—	2
Ballard, Merle	30	2	6
Barton, Almon	19	—	5
Benwell, Robert	22	—	6
Blake, Raymond	20	19	3
Blunden, Robert	23	19	6
Bumstead, Robert	53	3	6
Cass, Harold	18	1	1
Chamberlain, Raymond	60	11	6
Colby, Carlton	35	9	—
Connor, Michael	18	17	—
Currier, Arthur	53	2	1
Dalton, Charles	20	15	4
Desoe, Keith	23	4	5
Devins, William	64	6	—
Dion, Leo	20	—	2
Dion, Philip	19	—	1
Douville, Kenneth	22	2	5
Downing, Richard	30	11	4

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Dragon, Victor	34	22	6
Dufault, Wilfred	27	—	1
Frey, Eric	31	2	3
Gebo, Wayne	18	—	1
Goodell, Robert	24	1	4
Gove, Leonard	39	20	5
Greenwood, Leo	27	11	2
Haddock, George	44	23	1
Hayes, Timothy	49	4	2
Heath, Woodrow	48	1	—
Higgins, James	26	3	6
Kelly, Floyd	33	15	1
LaBonville, Henry	21	26	1
LaChance, Clement	41	—	1
LaCroix, Aime Jr.	19	—	4
LaFrance, Arnold	18	12	5
LaRose, Donald	36	32	2
Mahurin, David	30	17	5
Martel, Roland	22	5	3
Matheson, Daniel	69	40	3
McDaniels, Wallace	27	27	1
Miller, Joseph	21	2	6
Nichols, Merlin	45	3	—
O'Keefe, Felix	49	6	2
O'Leary, Robert	21	7	5
Olisky, Robert	21	31	2

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Partridge, Kenneth	19	—	6
Pike, Stanley	26	—	2
Russell, Edward	39	—	4
Sherman, Guy	24	3	—
Shute, Raymond	35	11	4
Sirles, Raymond	26	5	4
Smith, Donald	19	—	1
Smith, Lawrence	28	—	3
Smith, Lewis	33	14	5
Storey, Henry	40	2	3
Wade, Harold	24	6	3
Washburn, Harold	44	23	4
Wheeler, Gerald Jr.	30	23	2
White, Ira	45	1	5
Young, Lesley	18	—	1
Young, Guy	57	—	6

DEATHS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME DURING 1961

Name	Date	Age
Chatigny, Joseph	January 28, 1961	73
Dolloff, Sadie	March 5, 1961	77
Huckins, Frank	November 23, 1961	86
Merrill, Madeleine	January 31, 1961	81
Rollins, Leila	July 12, 1961	80
Swett, George	January 6, 1961	71

PATIENTS AT BELKNAP COUNTY INFIRMARY DURING 1961

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Ahern, Edward	42	Laconia	4	2
Aldrich, Ernest	87	Laconia	52	1
Archambeault, Adrienne	46	Laconia	4	2
Arsenault, Napoleon	72	Laconia	52	1
Atkinson, May	77	Laconia	52	1
Baker, George	59	Gilford	52	1
Bartlett, Harry	76	Laconia	4	1
Bedard, Ferdinand	47	Laconia	35	1
Blackey, Florence	81	Sanbornton	4	2
Boyd, Florence	86	Alton	52	1
Brown, George	69	Tilton	52	1
Bryant, Marilda	90	Laconia	37	5
Bushey, Edith	80	Meredith	4	4
Caron, Zelia	90	Laconia	52	1
Chatigny, Joseph	73	Laconia	1	—
Chesley, Charles	87	Alton	43	5
Clark, Irline	47	Meredith	52	1
Cohn, Joseph	83	Laconia	52	1
Constant, Edmond	84	Laconia	51	2
Currier, James	51	Laconia	52	1
Dailey, Harry	75	Laconia	1	4
Davy, Eva	67	Tilton	52	1
Dearborn, Bertha	93	Laconia	52	1
Devins, William	65	Laconia	2	1
Dolloff, Sadie	77	Meredith	4	—
Drouin, George	90	Laconia	37	5
Durkee, Ralph	81	Laconia	52	1
Edwards, Alice	75	Meredith	52	1
Elliott, Minnie	60	Alton	52	1
Fafard, Joseph	74	Laconia	52	1
Faticoni, Cataldo	95	Alton	49	6
Fitzpatrick, Frances	86	Laconia	51	5

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Flack, Flossy	84	Laconia	52	1
Foss, Grace	78	Laconia	39	—
Frye, Eva	86	Laconia	36	1
Gagnon, Joseph	75	Laconia	52	1
Gagnon, May	68	New Hampton	50	4
Gallien, Alexander	78	Belmont	52	1
Gaulin, Ernest	74	Tilton	33	—
Gleason, Laura	68	Laconia	50	1
Griffin, Etta	84	Laconia	49	—
Guy, Walter	77	Gilmanton	52	1
Hardy, Bernard	81	Laconia	50	4
Hartson, Homer	91	Meredith	4	3
Heath, Helen	64	Belmont	46	1
Hersey, Mina	88	Sanbornton	17	5
Hill, Roy	81	Alton	43	5
Huckins, Frank	86	New Hampton	46	5
Huntoon, Charles	63	Belmont	52	1
Jacques, Charles	80	Laconia	52	1
Jacques, Daisy	77	Laconia	16	—
Johnson, Bernice	83	Gilford	52	1
Johnson, Mabel	70	Meredith	52	1
Jondro, Herbert	76	Laconia	52	1
Kellogg, Ruth	75	Laconia	52	1
Kinne, Lizzie	74	Laconia	52	1
Lacasse, Marie	85	Laconia	52	1
Lakeman, Raymond	76	Laconia	52	1
Lamprey, Ernest	75	Gilford	52	1
Lamprey, George	83	Gilford	4	1
Lepitre, George	68	Tilton	52	1
Lind, John	76	Laconia	37	6
Lougee, Donald	70	New Hampton	52	1
Lunt, Edith	75	Laconia	49	2
Lyman, Jessie	77	Laconia	21	—
Merrill, Madeleine	81	Laconia	4	1
Miller, Elizabeth	23	Laconia	—	1
Morin, Ethel	74	Gilford	52	1

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Northrup, Clara	70	Tilton	52	1
Paul, Daniel	49	Tilton	1	2
Pearson, Winfield	81	Laconia	13	2
Penniman, Blanchee	81	Laconia	45	4
Perkins, Theodore	58	Meredith	51	4
Powell, Alice	87	Laconia	50	3
Quimby, Adelaide	78	Laconia	6	3
Rice, Albert	82	Laconia	48	5
Rickert, Marie	80	Laconia	51	6
Roberts, Charles	92	Meredith	52	1
Robinson, Allan	79	Laconia	19	1
Robinson, Arthur	88	New Hampton	52	1
Rollins, Alice	88	Tilton	52	1
Rollins, Leila	80	Laconia	5	6
Royce, Cora	79	Laconia	39	6
Seaver, Edgar	86	New Hampton	46	4
Smith, Harvey	78	Laconia	22	3
Stanley, Ethel	81	Laconia	48	4
Stevens, Ralph	74	Laconia	52	1
St. Louis, Joseph	64	Laconia	6	2
Swett, George	71	Laconia	1	3
Thompson, Karl	66	Laconia	52	1
Udoff, Julius	75	Tilton	48	3
Varney, Leona	55	Alton	26	—
Varney, Walter	62	Alton	26	—
Vezina, Peter	73	Belmont	5	1
Warren, William	79	Laconia	27	3
Weeks, Lena	79	Gilford	—	2
Whitney, Fred	74	Laconia	24	2
Wood, Marion	91	Laconia	47	—
Wright, Anna	79	Tilton	52	2
Wright, Margaret	79	Sanbornton	52	2
York, Raymond	71	Laconia	—	3
Young, Carrie	94	Laconia	52	1
Young, Martha	80	Laconia	51	4

PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL

1961

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Benoit, Armand	33	—	2
Carle, Alfred	36	—	2
Galligan, Henry	22	1	5
Geary, Francis	29	8	1
Greenwood, Leo	28	10	6
Jalicki, William	18	11	—
LaBraney, Lenard	26	2	3
LaFrance, Arnold	19	11	—
Laraway, Rodney	21	—	2
Littlefield, Henry	18	—	2
Nichols, Merlin	45	7	2
Osgood, Benjamin	33	—	2
Prince, Harold	51	4	2
Simonds, Richard	24	—	3
Smith, Howard	23	—	5
Wyatt, Russell	28	13	—

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME AUXILIARY

On January 1, 1961 the following officers were administrators of the Belknap County Home Auxiliary: Mrs. Charles Dockham, president; Mrs. Dorothy Garnache Meredith, vice-president; Mrs. William K. Stratton, treasurer; and Mrs. Dana S. Beane, Sr., secretary. Committee Chairmen were Mrs. Hettie Constantine, Projects; Mrs. Rembert Hernandez, Membership; Mrs. Hazel Tilton, Transportation; Mrs. Dockham, Volunteers; Mrs. Rachel Matheson, Publicity; and Mrs. Garnache Meredith, Recreation.

In the club year ending October 5, 1961 over 600 friendly visiting hours were given to the Home Residents on Monday afternoons by members of the Auxiliary. Regular visitors were Miss Eva Hunt, Mrs. Caroline Ballou, Mrs. Alma Hunt, Mrs. Constantine, Mrs. Florence Croteau, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Florence Parsons and Mrs. Addie Sargent.

Entertainment and recreation provided for or arranged by the Auxiliary included the appearance of the Laconia Barbershoppers, and an evening of music under the direction of Dr. Virgin of Tilton and a piano recital by Mrs. Doris Schuster of Laconia.

The Auxiliary solicited tray favors from the Laconia Bridge Club for New Year's Day dinner and from the Laconia Altrusa Club for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's, Easter and Mother's Day as well as decorations for these particular events.

In March of 1961 the Home instituted monthly birthday parties. Mrs. Dockham, as president of the Auxiliary, assisted at these parties and planned gay and seasonal wrappings of Altrusa's gifts to all those observing birthdays at these parties. Mrs. Hazel Tilton, assisted by Mrs. Jack Bull and Mrs. Edwin Chertok, provided weekly transportation for the visiting volunteers.

Mrs. Earl Battis, Mrs. Florence McGlaughlin and Mrs. Mildred Conant, although not members of the Auxiliary, have volunteered their services on Tuesday's occupational therapy program provided by the County and under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude E. Caswell.

On October 5, 1961, at the annual meeting of the Auxiliary, the following officers were elected to serve until October 4, 1962: Mrs. Dorothy Garnache Meredith, president; Mrs. Florence Parsons, vice-president; Mrs. Rachel Matheson, secretary; and Mrs. Louisa Stratton, treasurer. The following appointments were made by the new president: Mrs. Rembert Hernandez, Projects; Mrs. Dockham, Volunteers; Mrs. Dorothy Belanger, Membership; Mrs. Caroline Ballou, Publicity; Mrs. Helen Horner, Recreation; and Mrs. Peg Howland, Transportation.

In October the Auxiliary arranged a seminar on friendly visiting procedures that was held at the Martha Prescott Auditorium. This seminar was under the direction of Mrs. Geneva Higgins, Coordinator of Volunteers for the N. H. Social Welfare Council, assisted by personnel of the State Hospital.

Open House was held by the Auxiliary at the Home on Sunday afternoon, October 22nd. Visitors were greeted at the door by Supt. and Mrs. Rollins and Mrs. Garnache Meredith, the new president. Ninety-three visitors were presented folders describing the aims and programs of the Auxiliary by Mrs. Rachel Matheson. Mrs. Addie Sargent was in charge of the guest book and Miss Eva Hunt and her committee composed of Mrs. Eric Bascom, Mrs. Oscar Prescott, Mrs. Dave O'Shan, Mrs. George Pooler, Mrs. Joseph Smith, and Mrs. Alma Hunt escorted the visitors on a tour of the Home

Tea co-chairmen were Mrs. Ruth Sawyer, Mrs. Rachel Aldrich and Mrs. Dorothy Keller assisted by Mrs. Louise Huse, Mrs. Dana Beane, Sr., Mrs. Hettie Constantine and

Mrs. Harry Besse. Mrs. Ruth Hernandez was in charge of the table and decorations. Pourers were Mrs. Caroline Ballou, Sen. Edith Gardner, the Auxiliary's first president, Mrs. Bobby Jean Emond, president of the Laconia Altrusa Club and Mrs. Wm. K. Stratton. Assisting in presenting the Auxiliary's program to the visitors were Mrs. Helen Horner, Mrs. Margaret Howland, Mrs. Dockham and Mrs. Dorothy Belanger. Refreshments were donated by members of the Auxiliary.

Dinner tray favors were secured from the Altrusa Club for Halloween; the Trail Blazers 4H Club of Belmont for Thanksgiving and the Opechee Garden Club for Christmas.

With the financial assistance of six banking institutions of Belknap County—Lakeport National Bank, City Savings Bank, Laconia Federal Savings and Loan, Meredith Savings Bank, Meredith Trust, and Peoples National Bank—and Mr. and Mrs. Dana S. Beane, Sr., a free Christmas Store was held all day December 2, 1961 for the residents of the Home, who were given $1.50 shopping money.

On December 17, 1961, the annual Christmas Party was planned by the Auxiliary who secured an individualized gift for each Resident from the Altrusa Club and presented entertainment by the George Cantin dance students. Talented Residents of the Home were given the opportunity to entertain at this party. Mayor J. Oliva Huot of Laconia and Mrs. Rachel Matheson led this carolling. Mr. Lionel Dupont acted as Santa Claus for the second year.

For its services to the Belknap County Home the Auxiliary, in 1961, was presented a Citation for Meritorious Service from the New Hampshire Social Welfare Council.

Submitted by

Mrs. Dorothy Garnache Meredith,
President, BCHA

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I herewith submit my report of the Receipts and Disbursements of this office for the period of January 1, 1961, through December 31, 1961.

Charges Against County

1. Fees:			
Mittimus, Capias, etc.	$ 44.00		
State entries	149.00		
Probation Certificates	9.50		
Divorce Cards	10.50		
Total Feess		$ 213.00	
2. Extending Permanent Records		1,659.80	
3. Miscellaneous Cash Disbursements		0.00	
4. Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		8,540.07	
5. Due County		111.29	
Total Charges			$10,524.16

Credits To County

1. Entries	519.30	
2. Fines and Costs	1,304.90	
3. Sales of Dockets	0.00	
4. Sales of Rules of Court	0.00	
5. Miscellaneous credits to County	112.41	
6. Fees chargeable to County	213.00	
7. Allowance for Permanent Records	1,659.80	
8. Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	6,714.75	
Total Credits		$10,524.16

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. TILTON, *Clerk*

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Belknap County Commissioners
Belknap County Court House
Laconia, N. H.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report for 1961.

There are no civil actions pending in favor of or against the County as of the end of the year.

During 1961, eleven persons were indicted by Grand Jury at the March and October Terms of the Superior Court. These indictments were for felonies such as assault with intent to kill, arson, breaking and entering, unnatural act, statutory rape, bigamy, and obtaining property under false pretenses. Pleas of guilty were entered by four persons charged with felonies, although in the Connor-Duncan case, a plea of not guilty was originally entered and changed to guilty on the second day of trial. Trial of six other persons indicted for commission of felonies were pending at the end of the year—hearing of their cases having been continued by the Superior Court, or same not being in order for hearing because of pending sexual psychopath examinations.

Seven of the persons bound over in the municipal courts located in Belknap County for commission of felonies waived indictment and were arraigned in the Superior Court and their cases disposed of between terms.

There were fourteen appeals to the Superior Court from convictions in municipal courts. Of these, five were tried because of the fact that pleas of not guilty were entered, and the remainder were disposed of by pleas of guilty.

In certain types of sex offenses, the law requires examination of the accused by a board of doctors appointed by the Superior Court to determine whether or not he is a sexual psychopath. Five persons were so examined in 1961, and none were found to be sexual psychopaths.

I prosecuted criminal cases in each of the five municipal courts (two have subsequently become vacated by death of the justice) located in Belknap County, in those instances in which the defendants were represented by counsel, or in more complicated cases.

I attended two meetings of the Belknap County Recreational Area Commission at its request, and have on a number of occasions been requested to render opinions on matters pertaining to the operation of the area.

Eleven petitions were filed in the Superior Court under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act against persons residing out of this state to enforce duties of support owed their dependents living in this county.

It has been a pleasure for me to work with all departments of the county government and with most law enforcement agencies in the county. In all instances, I have found the persons with whom I have come into contact to be cooperative and dedicated in the performance of their duties.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD P. BROUILLARD
County Attorney

RPB/amt

SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1961.

March Term

Rodney S. Crockett 44 days attendance and expenses	$ 835.20
Donald C. Alden 20 days attendance and expenses	400.00
Perley A. Beach 3 days attendance and expenses	51.80
Herbert E. Howe 4 days attendance and expenses	49.80
George A. Poire 31 days attendance and expenses	491.00
Winnisquam House—Jury Meals	96.35

October Term

Rodney S. Crockett 62 days attendance and expenses	$1078.80
Donald C. Alden 13 days attendance and expenses	295.00
Chester C. Bickford 17 days attendance and expenses	309.40
Herbert E. Howe 17 days attendance and expenses	303.00
George A. Poire 23 days attendance and expenses	349.40
Laconia Tavern—Jury Meals Laconia, N. H.	126.15
Windmill Restaurant—Jury Meals Laconia, N. H.	43.95
Rev. Arthur Massicotte Belmont, N. H.	10.00

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY CROCKETT,
Sheriff

REPORT OF CHAPLAINS

Report of the Catholic Chaplain — 1961

January 18, 1962

Belknap County Commissioners
Laconia, N. H.
Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit our report for the work done mostly to the Catholics at the Belknap County Home and Jail for the year ending December 31, 1961.

At least once a month, we have celebrated Holy Mass for all those able to attend. People are free to make use of the sacraments of the Church; this they do in increasing number every year. Those unable to attend the services are visited in their rooms and are given the opportunities of receiving all the sacraments. Those persons in need of it are given the consoling sacrament of Extreme Unction.

We give freely to those who have no rosaries, medals and prayer books.

When patients are moved temporarily to the Laconia Hospital, we visit them there too. During the month we are always ready to make other visits at the Home and this is as often as required to offer Spiritual guidance and care to those who might wish to avail themselves of our services. We are always willing to help those in jail if they so desire. When asked, we also keep in touch with the families of those confined in the Home and inform them of our work with their loved ones.

I wish to add that we find we are very fortunate in having the complete cooperation of Mr. and Mrs. Rollins. Their help makes our work much easier.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. JOSEPH E. VACHON
Catholic Chaplain

REPORT OF THE PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN
1961

To the Belknap County Commissioners
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for 1961.

The service being performed by the Belknap County Home is a necessary and most important one. While the chaplain's work is distinctive he seeks to fit into the total program. His ministry is spiritual, dealing with the inner life. People have needs just as real as those of the physical life. They require companionship and cheer, comfort and courage and hope, peace of mind and security. There is too the definitely religious, a sense of fellowship with God and personal faith. To all the chaplain seeks to contribute. Results are non-material and non-measurable. To some extent they may be observed.

Regularly once each month, and sometimes more, a worship service has been held in the assembly room. Communion has been served. Visitation has been maintained each week including the ill and infirm and the shut-ins. Patients in the Laconia Hospital have been visited. Contracts have been made with some of those in the House of Correction, visits made to the Jail. There have been other contracts also. Mention should be made of persons and groups who from outside the Home have come to conduct or participate in the services, adding enrichment to these services, by their presence, music and messages. We give them our thanks.

The Chaplain would thank also others who, though not in the area of the distinctively religious, add to the happiness and well-being of residents of the Home. To mention one specifically occupational therapy is a part of the service rendered.

We thank the Commissioners, the staff, a wide area of people, and in particular Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Rollins, for a fine work well done.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. CATE
Protestant Chaplain

REPORT OF THE BELKNAP COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE 1961

The Cooperative Extension Service from its modest beginnings, in 1914 has grown to become a major educational service affecting all the people in America, both rural and urban. Through research, science has made great strides in increasing the productivity of the soil and in improving the plants grown and the animals raised. The research-extension teams of the USDA and of the Land-Grant Universities have an achievement record which has greatly contributed to the development of the highest standard of living the world has known.

Extension's efforts, however, have not been restricted to the application of research findings from the physical sciences alone. Important as these finds are, Extension has always been dedicated to the growth and well-being of the individual. This has been and should continue to be a major objective of Extension.

Most people associated with Extension would agree that Extension over the years has been dedicated to helping people to solve problems. Increased emphasis on the "problem approach" has taken place in recent years. Farm and Home development, and program projection, or resource development processes have helped those concerned to see the values of the overall problem approach.

Through this process, whether working with an individual, with a family, or with a group, Extension joins *all* people in helping them to:

1. Identify their needs, problems, and opportunities
2. Study their resources
3. Become familiar with specific methods of overcoming problems.

4. Analyze alternative solutions to their problems, and
5. Arrive at the most promising course of action in light of their own desires, resources, and abilities.

Over the years, as the importance and value of Extension programs became more and more appreciated, as the levels of education have risen, there has been a marked increase in the demands for Extension and in the range of subject matter assistance requested.

The Cooperative Extension Service . . . . Tomorrow

As we take a look at TOMORROW, it is well first to make sure that Extension personnel is in agreement on the following basic aspects of Extension:—

1. That Extension is an educational service.
2. That Extension educates for action. We subscribe to to the old adage that "education without action is futile —but action without education may be fatal". We strive to bring about purposeful change guided by education based on research and on current developments.
3. That it is *people* and not *practices* that have our major concern.

Extension has experienced difficulty in the past to discontinue programs once they have been undertaken. Extension must drop some programs to release time and effort to more adequately handle current problems. By keeping abreast with research, and by working closely with advisory committees and councils, Extension must be ever alert to see that its resources are directed to the most pressing problems the solution of which will bring maximum benefits to the people.

The problem approach requires two things. First, priorities must be given to some problems over others. Second,

Extension and its leaders must look ahead and anticipate future problems. Projection of programs into the future is important, even though some risk is involved, since the solutions to all problems are not always readily forthcoming and research may be needed.

Sound problem determination and program planning procedures are prerequisites to successful programs. We need to appraise and where necessary to improve our skills in detecting problems, in helping people to evaluate problems, to determine priorities to be worked on, and to develop satisfactory programs aimed at problem solution.

It is expected there will be an increase in the number of situations where specialists will work directly with people. When resources can be arranged or new funds made available, the employment of area agents might be a desirable organizational step to take.

For many years, the public in general recognized that Extension has made a great contribution in bringing about efficiency of production. In recent yeears more assistance has been requested and given to expanding marketing educational work with producers, wholesalers, retailers, and consumers.

We will need the best thinking of all professional personnel and the counsel of our County Council and advisory committees to determine and sort out the most pressing problems and to work toward their solution with well-planned and conducted Extension programs. To this objective Extension is dedicated.

Horace C. Ballard
County Agricultural Agent
Robert L. Clifford
4-H Club Agent

Harriet Clark Turnquist
Home Demonstration Agent
Roger Leighton
County Forester

Belknap County Commissioners

Norman Hubbard

John G. Ruel

Joseph F. Smith